

63. We bow to Thee, the lord of Yoga, whom the Yogins who have destroyed all their actions by means of Yoga, are able to realise in their minds purified by Yoga.

64. Obeisance to Thee whose velocity is unbearable, who hast three Śaktis²⁶¹, who art identical with the three Vedas; Obeisance to Thee the delighted protector of immense potentiality.

65. O lord, Thou art impenetrable to the wicked sense-organs; worldly lords cannot reach Thee who art beyond all paths; Obeisance to Thee whose splendour is mystically hidden and who art always engaged in the uplift of the devotees.

66. We bow to Thee, the great lord, whose greatness cannot be surpassed; whose power the confounded fool with egotistic mind can never realise.

Brahmā said :—

67. After eulogising the great lord, all the Devas, Viṣṇu and others, stood silently in front of the lord with their shoulders stooping down with great devotion.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

(Prayer to Śiva offered by Brahmā and Viṣṇu)

Brahmā said :—

1. On hearing the song of praise offered by Viṣṇu and others, Śiva, the cause of protection and enjoyment became delighted and smiled broadly.

2. On seeing Brahmā and Viṣṇu in the company of their consorts, Śiva addressed them suitably and asked them the purpose of their visit.

Śiva said :—

3. O Viṣṇu, O Brahmā, O devas and sages please

261. Under this concept Śiva or Sadāśiva is the sole supreme God possessed of three energies which are personified as Sarasvatī, Lakṣmī and Umā—the wives of the triad Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Rudra and are the different manifestations of Śivā Herself.