

now in a hurry in the company of Rohiṇī after taking leave of us ?

*Brahmā said:—*

6. When Satī thus asked her, Vijayā went near the moon and asked him “Where are you going ?”

7. On hearing what Vijayā said, the moon mentioned everything about the sacrificial festival of Dakṣa, with great respect.

8. On hearing what the moon told her, Vijayā was greatly agitated and mentioned it immediately to goddess Satī.

9. On hearing it, Satī, the goddess Kālīkā, was surprised. She thought over the possible reason, but not knowing it she mused like this.

10. “Dakṣa is my father. Viriṇī is my mother. I am their beloved daughter Satī. Why did they not invite me ? Have they forgotten their own beloved daughter ?

11. I shall ask Śiva respectfully the reason for the same”. Thinking thus she decided to go to Him.

12. Making her maiden-in-chief Vijayā wait there, Satī immediately went near Śiva.

13. She saw Him in the middle of the council-chamber surrounded by hosts of his attendants—Nandin and others of great valour.

14. After seeing her husband, the lord Śiva, the daughter of Dakṣa came near Him quickly in order to ask Him the reason.

15. Lovingly Śiva took his beloved on his lap and delighted her with pleasing words.

16. Then Śiva, the lord of all, the bestower of happiness on the good, seated in the midst of his attendants told Satī indulging (as usual) in his great divine sports.

*Śiva said:—*

17. “O slender-waisted lady, why did you come here in the council-chamber and that too in a state of surprise ? Please tell me the reason.”