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21. The lordly bull then bellowed putting the haughty trumpeting elephants to shame. The deep roar filled the sky, the earth and the eight quarters.

- 22. With his hands the fierce lord Siva clapped the earth and the sky. All the previous shouts and roars were surpassed by that sound.
- 23. The Kṣetrapāla produced a boisterous laughing sound boding ill to the Asuras. In that great battle Bhairava too roared.
- 24. There was a terrific tumult in the midst of that battle. All round amongst the Ganas, the shouts of heroes rose up.
- 25. The Dānavas were frightened by those harsh and terrible sounds. On hearing them the powerful king of Dānavas became very furious.
- 26. When Siva shouted "O wicked one, stay by. Stay by", the gods and the Gaṇas rapidly shouted "victory, Victory".
- 27. Then coming again the valorous son of Dambha hurled at Rudra his spear terrible with shooting flames.
- 28. While it came on, blazing brilliantly like a great conflagration in the battleground, it was immediately suppressed by K setrapala by means of the meteor springing from his mouth.
- 29. Again the great battle between Siva and the Dānava was resumed. The heaven and the earth including all mountains, oceans and rivers shook and trembled.
- 30. Siva split up the arrows discharged by the son of Dambha by means of hundred and thousands of his fierce arrows. Similarly the arrows of Siva were split up by the Dānava.
- 31. Then the infuriated Siva hit him with his trident. Unable to bear that blow he fell unconscious on the ground.
- 32. The Asura regained consciousness rapidly. He seized his bow and hit Rudra and all others by means of his arrows.
- 33. The valorous Śańkhacūḍa assumed ten thousand arms by means of magic and rapidly enveloped Śiva by means of ten thousand discuses.
 - 34. Then Siva, the infuriated consort of Durga, the