

*The Goddess said :—*

25. Dear one, O Dakṣa Prajāpati, listen to my weighty words. I tell you the truth. I am much delighted by your devotion. I shall bestow everything.

26. Subservient to your devotion, O Dakṣa, I, the great Goddess, shall be born of your wife as your daughter. There is no doubt in this.

27. O sinless one, I shall perform a penance strenuously and shall become Śiva's wife, after I have secured a boon from Him to that effect.

28. Otherwise there is no chance of the fulfilment of the object. The lord is free from all aberrations. He is the full incarnation of Sadāśiva, worthy of being served by Brahmā and Viṣṇu.

29. I am His slave for ever, His beloved in every birth (incarnation). Śiva who manifests Himself in many forms is indeed my master.

30. It was by His favour that He manifested through the eyebrows of Brahmā. I too shall incarnate by His favour and at His bidding.

31. O dear one, go back to your residence. I have known my mission. Born as your daughter, ere long I shall be Śiva's wife.

32. Having spoken these splendid words, She sought and obtained Śiva's permission through mental communion. While thinking on Śiva's lotus-like feet, the Goddess spoke as follows :—

33. But O Prajāpati, you have to take a vow. It is a precondition. I shall tell you. It is true, never false, please understand.

34. If in future you were to be less respectful to me I will cast off my body. I shall withdraw myself to my soul or take to another form. It is true.

35. O Dakṣa, this boon has been granted to you. At every creation I shall be born as your daughter and become the beloved of Śiva.

*Brahmā said :—*

36. After speaking thus to Dakṣa the chief Prajāpati,