

*Brahmā said:—*

7. On hearing the words of Meru and others, Himācala was greatly pleased and Pārvatī laughed within herself.

8. Arundhatī too convinced Menā with reasoned statements and examples from various mythological legends.

9. Then the wife of the mountain too was delightedly convinced. She entertained Arundhatī, the sages and the mountain with a grand feast and then took food herself.

10. Then the chief of mountains, freed from wrong notions and grown wise, spoke with palms joined in reverence and mind extremely delighted.

*Himācala said:—*

11. O fortunate sages, please listen to my words. All my bewilderment has vanished since I have heard the story of Śivā and Śiva.

12. Everything that I possess, my body, wife, Menā, sons, daughter, assets and achievements and other things belong to Śiva and not otherwise.

*Brahmā said:—*

13-14. After saying so, he bedecked his daughter with various ornaments. Then he took them all and placed them on the lap of the sage saying "These are the presents I have to give her."

*The sages said:—*

15. O mountain, you are the donor, Śiva is the mendicant, and the alms goddess Pārvatī. What else can be better than this ?

16. Since the course of your summits is befitting, you are blessed, you are the chief of all mountains, you are great in every respect.

*Brahmā said:—*

17. After saying thus, the sages of pure mind offered their blessings to the girl—"Be pleasing to Śiva."

18. They touched her with their hands and continued—"Everything will be well with you. As the moon in the bright half of the month, may your qualities increase."