

Brahmā said:—

37. When lord Śiva tried to enter the house, Gaṇeśa became infuriated, O brahmin, and struck him with his staff once again.

38. Then Śiva too became furious. He commanded his own Gaṇas—“Who is this fellow here ? What is he doing? O Gaṇas, enquire.”

39. After saying this, the furious Śiva stood outside the house. The lord, following the worldly conventions, is capable of various wonderful sports.

CHAPTER FOURTEEN

(The Gaṇas argue and wrangle)

Brahmā said:—

1. The infuriated Gaṇas of Śiva at his bidding went there and questioned the son of Pārvatī who stood at the gate.

Śiva's Gaṇas said:—

2. “Who are you? Whence do you come? What do you propose to do? If you have a desire to remain alive go away from here.”

Brahmā said:—

3. On hearing their words, the son of Pārvatī who was armed with the staff spoke to the Gaṇas as follows:—

Gaṇeśa said:—

4. O “handsome fellows, who are you? Whence have you come? Go away. Why have you come here and why do you stand in opposition to me?”

Brahmā said:—

5. On hearing his words, Śiva's Gaṇas of great heroism and arrogance laughingly spoke to one another.

6. After conferring with one another, the infuriated Pārśadas of Śiva replied to Gaṇeśa, the doorkeeper.