

the soul without aberration without yearnings. I take up bodies at the requests and wishes of my devotees.

26. O daughter of the mountain, I will not go up to Himavat your father. I will not become a mendicant and beg of him for you.

27. O daughter of the lord of mountains, even a weighty person endowed with great qualities, even a noble soul, is considered base immediately after uttering the words—"Please give me".

28. O benevolent lady, after knowing this what is it that you say is our duty? Gentle lady, do as you wish.

*Brahmā said:—*

29. Thus addressed, the great goddess, the chaste lady of lotus-like eyes told Śiva with devotion after bowing to Him again and again.

*Pārvatī said:—*

30. "You are the cosmic soul and I am the cosmic nature. There is nothing to deliberate on this. We two are independent and subservient to the devotees. We two are both possessed and devoid of attributes.

31. O lord Śiva, with effort, you will please do according to my request. O Śiva, beg of Himavat for me, You will bestow a fortune on him.

32. O great lord, be sympathetic. I am your devotee for ever. I am your wife for ever in ever birth.

33. You are Brahman, the great soul, devoid of attributes greater than primordial nature, without aberration, free from yearnings, independent, great lord.

34. Still you are possessed of attributes too and enthusiastic in the uplift of the devotees. You sport about in your own soul engrossed in it and you are clever in your different sports.

35. O great lord, I know you in every respect. O omniscient, of what avail is a detailed talk. Take pity on me.

36. Spread your glory in the world indulging in your wonderful divine sports. Singing them, O lord, people can cross the ocean of worldly existence.