## Taranga 124.

Tatah sa Vikramadityo raja tasya sahagatam banikputrasya suhridam tam evam pariprishtavan: 1 ««prapta mritapi jivanti maya bharya», 'iti yat tvaya «uktam, katham tad? iti nah kathyatam, bhadra, vistarat!» 2 ity uktas tena rajna sa baniksunoh sakha 'abravit: «kautukam yadi, tad, deva, çruyatam kathayamy adah: — 3

Brahmasthalâgrahârâgrya-nivâsî dvijaputrakaḥ Candrasvâmî 'ity aham, bhâryâ surûpâ ca 'asti me gṛihe. 4 ekadâ mayi kâryậrtham grâmam pitr-âjñayâ gate, tâm me kâpâliko 'drâkshîd bhâryâm bhikshậrtham âgataḥ. 5 tena dṛishṭvạiva sâ jàta-jvarâ sâyam vyapadyata. tato mad-bandhubhir nîtvâ naktam âropitâ citâm. 6 prajvalantyâm citâyâm ca, grâmât tatra 'aham âgamam, açrausham ca yathâ-vṛittam svajanât krandataḥ puraḥ. 7

gate mayi citopântam, âgàt kâpâlikaç ca saḥ ansastha-nrityat-khaṭvângaḥ sphūrjad-damarukâ-karaḥ. 8 bhasma-kshepeṇa-çamite citâgnau, deva, tena sâ udatishṭhac citâ-madhyâd akshatậngî mad-anganâ. 9 sa ca 'àdâya kapâlî tâm siddhy-âkrishṭậnudhâvitâm prâdraval laghu, tâm ca 'aham anvagâm sa-dhanuḥ-çaraḥ. 10

sa ca Ganga-tate prapya guham, bhumau nidhaya tat khatvangam, abravid harshad antahsthe kanyake ubhe: 11 «yuvam prapte api maya na 'upabhukte yaya vina, «sa 'esha 'adya haste prapta me pratijūa-siddhim agata.» 12 iti tabhyam sa mad-bharyam yavad darçayati bruvan, tavat tat tasya khatvangam Gangayam aham akshipam. 13 «re kapalika! bharyam me jihirshur na bhavasy ayam», ity akshipam ca tam aham bhrashta-khatvanga-siddhikam. 14 apaçyan so 'tha khatvangam palayana-parah çathah, dhanur akrishya, kandena digdhena nihato maya. 15 papa-siddhy-eka-samtosha-vidambita-Çivagamah pashandinah patanty evam, prag eva patita api. 16

atha 'àdàya sva-bhâryâm tâm anye dve te ca kanyake, griham âgatavân asmi dattậçcaryah sva-bandhushu. 17 tatra prishte sva-vrittântam kanye te vadatah sma me: «Vârâṇasyâm sute âvâm kshitibhrit-sârthavâhayoh, 18 «siddhi-yuktyâ hrite ca 'âvâm etayaiva kapâlinâ, «tvat-prasâdâc ca mukte svah pâpât tasmâd adûshite.» 19 ity uktavantyau ca 'anyedyur nîtvâ Vârâṇasîm, mayâ arpite te sva-bandhûnâm, tad-vrittântam udîrya tam. 20

âgacchańç ca tato 'paçyam imam bhâryâ-viyoginam banikputram, tato 'nena militvâ 'aham iha 'âgataḥ. 21