asrijad dasyu-sampatam shashtham agnim aho vidhih rajaputrasya tasya 'atra dhairyasya 'antam iva 'ikshitum. 286

sa ca 'atmana dvitîyas tân grahanaya pradhavitân prishatka-varshino dasyûn bahûn kshurikaya 'abadhît. 287 tad buddhva praishyata balam rajña 'anyad Vindhyaketuna; tato 'pi subahûnç caurân yuddha-jũo nijaghana saḥ. 288 tatah sa savayasyo 'pi vranita-klanta-mûrchitah baddhva karagrihe nîtva Cavarais tair nicikshipe. 289

tatra kîtotkarâkîrne, jâlakârâlayâvile, sûcyamânâhi-samcâre nirmokair gala-lambibhih, 290 gulpha-lagnocchalad-dhûlâv, âkhu-khâta-vilolvane, antah-kshipta-sthitâneka-bhîtâpanna-janâkule, 291 nirayânâm iva 'utpatti-dhâmni dvau tâv apaçyatâm mantrinau, tadvad eva 'âdau baddhvâ nîta-sthitâv ubhau, 292 yau tau prâviçatâm tadvad aṭavîm tîrna-vâridhî tam anveshtum prabhum Bhîmabhuja-Vikramaçaktikau. 293 tau rudantau parijñâya petatus tasya pâdayoh, so 'pi tau pratyabhijñâtau kanthe vâshpâkulo 'grahît. 294

tatah çatagunîbhûta-duhkhâs te 'nyonya-darçanât âçvâsayadbhir aparair ûcire bandhana-sthitaih: 295 «kṛitam duhkhena! kim çakyam pûrva-karma 'ativartitum? «kim na paçyatha sarveshâm saha mṛityum upasthitam? 296 «âgaminyâm caturdaçyâm Pulinda-kshmâbhṛità 'amunâ «Devyâh paçûpahârârtham vayam ete hi sambhṛitâh. 297 «tat kim çucâ? gatiç citrâ jantushu krîḍato vidheḥ; «tad abhadram yathâ, tadvad dadyâd bhadram sa eva vaḥ.» 298 ity uktâ bandhana-sthais te baddhâs tatra 'avatasthire; kashtam niranurodhatvam âpadâm sumahatsv api. 299

praptayam ca caturdaçyam atra râjâjñaya tataḥ te sarve 'py upaharartham anîyanta 'Ambika-griham, 300 dîpa-jvala-calaj-jihvam ghaṇṭalî-danta-malaya vyasakta-vîra-çirasa ghoram mrityu-mukham yatha. 301 tatra Sundarasenas tâm drishṭva Devîm praṇamya saḥ, bhakti-prahvena manasa stuvann evam vyajijñapat: 302 «daritoddama-Daityena Triçikhena 'açra-varshina «çamitâsura-saṃtape, praṇatâbhaya-dayini! 303 «nirvapaya prasannena locanena 'amrita-çcyuta «drishṭva mam duḥkha-davagni-dagdham! devi, namo 'stu te!» 304

iti rajasute tasmin vyaharaty eva, tatra sah agat pûjayitum Devîm Vindhyaketuh Pulinda-rat. 305 tam drishtvaiva parijñaya Bhilla-rajam, trapanatah sa tan Sundarasenah svan vayasyan svairam abhyadhat: 306 «aho! saisha Pulindendro Vindhyaketur, upaiti yah «tatasya parçvam sevartham, bhunkte ca 'etam mahatavîm. 307 «tad yad astu, na vaktavyam asmabhir iha kimcana; «çreyan hi manino mrityur, na 'îdrig atma-prakaçanam.» 308