

Māruta (I)—the Wind God, appointed father of Bhīma;¹ with Agni appointed to destroy the Asuras; Soma escaped to the ocean; Indra ordered them to dry up the ocean and they refused to incur this sin; hence were cursed to be born on the earth; did so in one body as Agastya;² the lord of *gandhas* or scents.³

^a Br. II. 10. 43; Vā. 101. 194; 106. 59. ¹ Br. III. 71. 154; M. 50. 49; Vā. 96. 153. ² M. 61. 3-19. ³ Vā. 70. 11.

Māruta (II)—a Pravara of the Bhārgavas.

M. 195. 31; 196. 19.

Mārutam Purāṇam—the *Vāyu Purāṇa* equal to the Vedas.

Vā. 4. 12.

Mārutamvratam—of Kings whose spies enter everywhere as the wind enters everything unnoticed.

M. 226. 12.

Mārutālayam—a *tīrtha* on the Narmadā; bath in it takes one to the Vāyuloka in a heavenly chariot.

M. 191. 86-8.

Māruti—is Hanumān, of superior *bhakti*.

Br. III. 34. 39.

Māruteśvara—is Vāyu; consorts are Idā, Pīṅgalā and Suṣumnā;¹ a pīṭha sacred to Lalitā.²

¹ Br. IV. 33. 69-70. ² Ib. IV. 44. 96.

Mārkaṇḍa—a Bhārgava gotrakāra.

M. 195. 20; 196. 45.

Mārkaṇḍeya (I)—a Siddha not lost in deluge;¹ son of Mr̥kaṇḍa;² his firm and non-parallelled *tapas* and vow of