

Puṣyam—a term for Kali-yuga, evils of.

M. 144. 30-48.

Puṣyāmītra—Commander-in-chief of Brhadratha, the Mauryan King; killed his own master and usurped the throne. He was a Śunga and his line was therefore called the Śungas. Father of Agnimitra;¹ ruled for 36 years.²

¹ Bhā. XII. 1. 15 [1], 16. Vi. IV. 24. 34. ² M. 272. 27.

Pūtānā (I)—a demoness and a friend of Kamsa; was deputed by him to kill all infants. Once she came to Vraja and changing her form to that of a fascinating lady, entered Nanda's house and began to suckle the baby Kṛṣṇa. He understood the purpose and sucked her life out to the wonderment of the Gopīs and Gopas. Her body was cremated and she reached heaven;¹ to be propitiated at the commencement of building operations of palaces.²

¹ Bhā. X. 2. 1; 6. 2-17, 28 and 34-38; 14. 35; 26. 4; 43. 25; Br. IV. 29. 124; III. 73. 100; Vā. 9. 97; 98. 100; Vi. V. 4. 1; 5. 7-11, 23; 6. 23; 15. 2; 29. 5. ² M. 268. 29.

Pūtānā (II)—a daughter of Bali;³ mother of the *bhūtas* and a *graha*.²

¹ Br. III. 5. 43; Vā. 67. 84. ² Br. III. 7. 158 and 161.

Pūtānā (III)—a Varṇa śakti.

Br. IV. 44. 59.

Pūtānā (IV)—a Rākṣasī and wife of Bhadra: Her sons are called Nairṛtas.

Br. III. 59. 12-4.