

Maruts (I)—fortynine in number, born of Diti and Kaśyapa; seven in each of the seven *vātaskandhas*; brothers of Indra and participators in sacrifices;¹ when Diti conceived a son to be the slayer of Indra, the latter began to serve her throughout her pregnancy. Once finding that she did not keep to her vows he entered her womb and cut the foetus into 49 pieces, when they cried. He said to them *mā ruda* and hence *māruta*: being divine, were born as 49 sons: at the request of their mother Indra made them a devagaṇa, called Marutgaṇa.²

Gods of the Vaivasvata epoch, Indra being their overlord: requested Soma to give up Tārā to Brhaspati.³

Fought with Nivātakavacas in the Devāsura war: mounted guards in Marutta's *Yajñas*: nourished Bharadvāja abandoned by Mamatā and gave him to Bharata as his son;⁴ helped Indra in the heavy downpour on Nandavraja: went with the gods to Dvārakā to request Kṛṣṇa to go back to Vaikuṇṭha;⁵ Fathers of Śobhavatya group of Apsarasas; presiding deity of Kālopanata *mūrchana*; line in Bhuvarloka and Lokāloka: perform śrāddha;⁶ are worshipped for lasting strength (*ojas*).⁷

Their service in the battle of Tripuram: Shaken by Hiranyakaśipu; glad at Hari's attack on the Asuras;⁸ attained *siddhi* at Siddeśvaram;⁹ companions of those who are devoted to their brothers;¹⁰ brought up Bharadvāja, son of Brhaspati.¹¹

¹ Bhā. VI. 18. 19, 23-77: VIII. 13. 4: Br. III. 5. 79, 90, 99, 104: M. 6. 47; 163. 22-3. ² M. Ch. 7. ³ Ib. 8. 4: 9. 29: 23. 35: 36. 1. ⁴ Bhā. VI. 10. 17: IX. 2. 28; 20. 35-9: M. 49. 15, 25-30: 58. 33. ⁵ Bhā. X. 25. 7: XI. 6. 2. ⁶ Br. III. 7. 20: 61. 46: IV. 2. 27, 197: III. 10. 110. ⁷ Bhā. II. 3. 8. ⁸ M. 58. 33: 132. 3; 137. 18; 172. 14-44; 174. 32. ⁹ Ib. 191. 117; 246. 60. ¹⁰ Bhā. VI. 5. 31. ¹¹ Vā. 99. 139-51.

Maruts (II)—one of the Marut gaṇas.

Vā. 67. 128.