

# Names of Householders and Traders

## NAMES OF HOUSEHOLDERS

### *Names ending in Bhadra*

#### 1. *Acyutabhadra* (No. 43, L. 11) :

Bhadra is the name of Lord Śiva. Acyuta means 'firm' or 'solid'. Thus Acyutabhadra has the same meaning as that of Sthāṇu Śiva.<sup>1</sup> The name is based on the quality of firmness of Lord Śiva.

#### 2. *Ratibhadra* (No. 43, L. 11) :

Rati is often personified as one of the two wives of Kāmadeva, together with Prīti.<sup>2</sup> Bhadra is the name of Lord Śiva. The name depicts the quality of kindness of Lord Śiva who had put cupid, the husband of Rati, to ashes for disturbing his penance but who at the prayer of Rati made him alive to reside in all men but without a body. Ratibhadra can also literally mean—a man skilful in *rati*,<sup>3</sup> i.e. sexual enjoyment.

### *Names ending in Bhava*

#### 1. *Kumārabhava* (No. 43, L. 5) :

Kumāra is another name of Skanda or Kārttikeya<sup>4</sup> and Bhava is the name of Lord Śiva. So it is also a name formed by combining the names of two deities. We find several names with Kumāra as the first word. Cf. Kumārasvāmin, Kumārahārīta, Kumārabhaṭṭa<sup>5</sup>

#### 2. *Rudrabhava* (No. 43, L. 6) :

It will mean born by (the grace of) Śiva.

### *Names ending in Dāsa*

#### 1. *Kuladāsa* (No. 43, L. 10) :