

*Names ending in Nātha*1. *Bhavanātha* (No. 43, L.10) :

The first part, '*Bhava*' here means 'the world'.³³ The second part '*Nātha*' means 'a protector, owner, lord'³⁴ and is used both as the first part as well as the second part of the name for example in the names *Nātha-malla*, *Nātha-simha*, *Nāthānanda-muni*, *Nath'oka* etc.³⁵ *Bhavanātha* would literally mean here 'the lord of the world', i.e. the god *Bhavanātha*, was the name of an author.³⁶ The word *Bhava* is also the synonym of Lord Śiva so it is to be counted as a Śaivite name.

2. *Śrīnātha* (No. 43, L. 7) :

Śrī is the goddess of wealth, wife of Viṣṇu. *Śrīnātha* would literally mean 'the Lord of Śrī', i.e. the deity Viṣṇu.

*Names ending in Pālita and Rakṣita*1. *Sarppapālita* (No. 43, L. 9) :

The first part *Sarppa* means a serpent and the second part *pālita* means 'protected'. Thus the whole literally means 'protected by serpents'. The name shows a tendency of the family towards serpent-worship.

2. *Bhavarakṣita* (No. 43, L. 12) :

Bhava is the name of Lord Śiva³⁷ and *rakṣita* means 'protected'. Thus the whole would literally mean 'protected by Lord Śiva'. The name shows a fondness of the family for the deity Śiva.

Names ending in Śarmman

Śarmman a brāhmaṇa surname is the common ending for the following names. It means a shelter, protection comfort, bliss, etc.³⁸

1. *Ahiśarmman* (No. 43, L. 8) :

The whole will literally mean 'a shelter for the serpents'.

2. *Guptaśarmman* (No. 43, L. 7) :

It would literally mean 'a hidden resort'. We can find many names with the first part '*Gupta*', e.g., *Guptanātha*, *Gupteśvara*, etc.

3. *Hariśarmman* (No. 43, L. 7) :

Hari means lord Viṣṇu or Kṛṣṇa. We have also such names as *Viṣṇuśarmman* and *Śivaśarmman* where the first part is