

## **SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM**

### **AADHI PARVVAM**

#### **10. Ruru Dundubha Samvaadham (10. Conversation Between Ruru and The Rat-Snake)**

Understanding that the Rat-Snake took that form due to the curse of a great Maharshi, Ruru demanded or requested it to explain the story in detail.

##### **Ruru Said:**

My wife, who is so dear to me like my own life, had been bitten by a serpent or snake and killed her. From that day onwards I have taken a firm determination and an oath to kill all snakes and to destroy the entire serpent species. 1

My austere vow was if I see a snake kill it. Therefore, I am going to hurt and kill you now. You do not have any escape and are dead. 2

##### **Dundubham or Rat-Snake Said:**

Hey, Braahmana or Ruru! The snakes that bite the humans are different from rat-snakes. Rat-Snakes are only by name snakes and the shape is also the same. Just by the same name - snake - and seeing that rat-snakes are in the same shape of a serpents or snakes please do not hurt or destroy the rat-snakes. 3

The snakes are sharing only the calamities and the sorrows but never the comforts and fortunes. That is the sad status of Dundubha. You are thoroughly religious. Therefore, please do not torture the rat-snakes. 4

##### **Soothan Said:**

When Dundubham spoke like that, Ruru thought that the Rat-Snake is scary-cat Sage, he did not hurt or hit the snake with his rod. 5

Then, Ruru very calmly and humbly spoke to him. Alright. I agree with what you said. But tell me which type of reptile species you belong to. 6

**Dundubham Said:**

Hey, Ruro! In the past or previous birth, I was the popular and well-known Muni by the name Sahasrapaathth. Due to the curse of a Braahmana, I became a serpent or Rat-Snake like this. 7

What was the reason for the Vipran or the Braahmanan to curse you out of anger in the past? How long do you have to live as a serpent or reptile like this? 8

**So ends this section.**