

SREE MAHAABHAARATHAM

AADHI PARVVAM

12. Sarppa Sathra Preasthaavana (12. A Statement or A Prologue About Sacrificial Ceremony Of Serpents)

Having listened to the response of the Braahmana, Ruru wished to know more details about the Sacrificial Ceremony of Serpents and Aastheekan and requested him to explain to him. The Braahmanan says that all those details can be listened to from the discourses of Brahmarshees or The Braahmana Rishies and disappeared from there.

Ruru Said:

How did King Jenamejeyan kill the serpents? Oh, Bhoosura Saththama or The Best of gods on Earth or Braahmana Sreshtta! What was the reason or why did the king kill the serpents? 1

I have an intense desire to know why Aastheekan saved or released the serpents? Oh, Braahmana Sreshtta! Please quench my thirst for knowledge by explaining it to me. 2

Rishi (The Dundubham after assuming his previous form) Said:

Oh, Ruro! You would be able to listen to all things in detail when the Brahmarshees narrate the stories in detail. And after saying so he, the great Thapoddhanan or One who is enriched with the power of penance, disappeared from there. 3

Soothan Said:

Ruru roamed around in the forest searching for that Muni Mukhyan or the Leader of the Sages. He became very tired and at one point he just fell down. 4

The words of that Muni were whirling his mind and confounded him totally and he lost his senses. He was thinking and rethinking the words of that Muni. 5

As soon as he got his senses back, he - Ruru - came back home or Aasramam and told all the stories to his father. And Ruru requested his father to explain the stories in detail. 6

So ends this section.