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BHADRAMATA (era of Mahavirswami)



After his death, Gobhadra Sheth became a dev and used to send 32 boxes of clothes and jewelry everyday to his son Shalibhadra and wife Bhadra. Shalibhadra's 32 wives used to cleaned their feet with shawls studded with diamonds and then throw them in the trash, such was the wealth of the family. Shalibhadra, having grown up with endless riches, was shocked when he realized that he was under the rule of the king and was not his own master. He took diksha along with his brother-in-law Dhanna and both of them observed hard penances including undertaking long fasts. Shalibhadra was told that he would break his fast at the hands of his mother and so they went there. But because of their atrophied bodies, Bhadrama didn't recognize them and left the house and to go attend the sermon of Lord Mahavir. It was here that she came to know that it was Shalibhadra who had come to her home and the reason for it. She felt so regretful that she took diksha as did all her daughter-in-laws.