

4.5.1 Classmates

The classmates of an informant are addressed mostly as ni: 'you - sg.'. However, depending upon the individuals, the pronoun ni:nka 'you - pl.' is also used to address them. This situation is found mainly among the informants who have collegiate education since college education opens new avenues for interaction with so many friends having varied social backgrounds.

4.5.2 Classmates Placed in a High Position (now)

The use of the pronoun ni: 'you - sg.' to address one's classmate gets changed when that classmate is currently placed in a high position professionally. If a person is placed in a high position in some institution or organization then the relationship between the informant and the classmate gets a new dimension and consequently the informant starts to use the pronoun ni:nka 'you - pl.' to address him. Some of the informants reported that they had some confusion over the choice of a proper pronoun in such cases. Thus, it is seen that the present position of a classmate plays a vital role in the choice of a pronoun.

4.5.3 Hotel Server

There are some small, roadside hotels in the villages, run by people of various castes belonging to the backward communities.