

4.5.7 Barber

The barber in the village is addressed as ni: 'you - sg.' by the people of forward and backward communities. The young age group scheduled caste informants address the barber as ni:nka 'you - pl.' whereas the middle and old age group informants address him as ni: 'you - sg.'.

4.5.8 Washerman

The village dhoby is addressed by using the pronoun ni: 'you - sg.'. There are two categories of dhobies in the village. One category of dhoby is meant for attending to the people of forward and backward communities and another category of dhoby is attending to the people of scheduled communities. Both the categories of washermen are addressed as ni: 'you - sg.'.

4.5.9 Sweeper

The sweepers in the village are all addressed as ni: 'you - sg.' by the villagers. However, the people belonging to such groups as Cakkiliyar and Parayar address them as ni:nka 'you - pl.' if they are elder to the informants. The educated people alone use ni:nka 'you - pl.' to address them. All others use only ni: 'you - sg.' to them.