

From the above three charts, the emergence of a neat pattern of the use of pronominal terminations becomes clear. Let us consider the use of honorific pronominal terminations. The highest score of use of honorific pronominal termination is found in the instance of reference or address to a stranger. A stranger, for this study has been defined as a person who appears as belonging to middle income group and middle age group. Irrespective of the social groups, people of all communities honour the strangers as reflected in their linguistic behaviour of using honorific pronominal terminations to them. No other form of pronominal terminations are used in this context. Honorific pronominal terminations alone are found to be used.

Another interesting conclusion of this study is that among the individuals of forward communities 61.9% of them use the honorific form of pronominal termination. The same for the backward and scheduled communities are 57.6% and 60.4% respectively. This means that, of the six types of pronominal terminations, the use of honorific form has the highest occurrence while that of the other forms are less in all the three communities. This conclusion closely correlates with the popular and common belief that the Kongu Tamil (the Tamil spoken in the districts of Coimbatore and Periyar of Tamilnadu) possesses a number of honorific forms.