

6. using address terms
7. adding the honorific suffix - ñka
8. minimizing the imposition.

#### 9.5.1.5.1 Prolonged Pause

When Hindu temple priests make a request to their superiors (dharma kartta, a trustee of the temple), they make the following type of request :

<u>citta</u>	<u>pe:ppara.....</u>	<u>kuṭunka</u>
Persu. Dia.	paper + Acc. pause	give + Hon. Suf.
<u>patuccittut</u>	<u>tarre:n .....</u>	
read + Aux. Comp.	give + Pre. Ten. + I PT	pause

'Please give that paper, ( I will ) return after reading. [(I) have to see an item in that paper]'

In the above request, the words are not spelt with regular and actual pause but it is prolonged and extended for some more time. Here, prolonged pause is used because the requesters want to show their extensive politeness/deference to the requestee. The request made by the barbers also consist of unusual pause between words to show respect to the landlords from whom they get money for their living.

### 9.5.1.5.2 Time Adverbial as a Marker

Low income group government employees while making a request to the landlords employ the following type of request patterns. Here it has to be mentioned that the low income group government employees belong to the same village and hence they are very much familiar to the local people.

<u>e:nunka</u>	<u>anta</u>	<u>pustakam</u>	<u>irunta:</u>	<u>kuṭunka</u>
Att. Ca. + Hon.Suf.	that	book	if available	give + Hon.Suf.
<u>paṭicciṭṭu</u>	<u>na:lakki</u>	<u>allatu</u>	<u>na:la:nnikki</u>	
read + Aux. Comp.	tomorrow + Dat.	or	day after	
	<u>tarre:n</u>			
	give + Pre. Ten. + I PT			

'Hello, if (you) have that book, give .....

I will return tomorrow or day after tomorrow'

### 9.5.1.5.3 Using Incomplete Sentences

Incomplete sentences are made use of to show respect to the requestee. Middle age group and young age group backward community informants use incomplete sentences to their superiors as a mark of respect to them in the following manner :

1. e:nuṅka                      sa:r cillare irunta:  
 Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf.    sir    change    if available

nu:ru ru:pa:ykki    -.....  
 hundred rupees + Dat.            incomplete

'Hello, sir, if(you) have change for hundred rupees.....'

2. e:nuṅka                      cillare                      .....  
 Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf.    change                      incomplete

'Sir, change .....

#### 9.5.1.5.4 Asking Apology for Intrusion

Apologizing for intrusion while making a request to superiors is another strategy employed in this type of expression.

ekskyu:s mi:    pe:ppar    koṅcam    kuṭuṅka  
 excuse    me    paper    Persu.    give + Hon. Suf.

'Excuse me, give the paper, please'

Similar requests along with time adverbial or indirect request with honorific suffix -ṅka have been attested in the request of college going students to their superiors.

9.5.1.5.5 If Clause

If clause sentence is used to give options to the requestee and thereby the requester expresses respect or politeness to the requestee.

sa:r buk iranta: kuṭuṅka  
 sir book if (you) have give + Hon. Suf.

paṭicciṭṭut tarre:n  
 read + Aux. Comp. give + Pre. Ten. + I PT

'Sir, if (you) have the book give (me), I will  
 return (it) after reading'

9.5.1.5.6 Address Terms

Address terms such as sa:r, me:ḍam, ṭi:ccar, amma:, sa:mi, motala:li, ejama:n, etc. are used to show deference to their superiors.

sa:r, me:ḍam, ṭi:ccar - used by educated informants.

sa:mi & ejama:n - highly deferential address terms used by agricultural labourers belonging to the scheduled community.

motala:li - used by manual labourers to address the persons who buy their labour.

9.5.1.5.7 Minimizing the Impositions

When a request is made, it would affect the freedom of actions of the requestee. Hence minimizing the imposition is adopted as a strategy of request to superiors.

sa:r    atak            koñcam    kuṭunka,            koñcam  
 sir    that + Acc.    Persu.    give + Hon.Suf.    Persu.

hedḍins    pa:ttuttut                            tarre:n  
 headings    see + Aux. Comp.    give + Pre. Ten. + I PT

'Sir, please give that (paper), (I will) go through the headings and return (it)'

The above pattern of request is used by professionals to their superiors while requesting to lend the paper to them. The use of the lexical item hedḍins 'headings in a paper' minimizes the imposition by asserting that they will take less time to read the paper.

9.5.1.5.8 Indirect Request

motala:ḷi:    pe:ppar    paṭuccuṭṭi:ñkaḷa:?  
 owner            paper            read + Aux. Comp. + Hon. Suf. + Ind.Req.

'Owner, have you finished reading the paper?'