

asked to give the appropriate linguistic use (address terms, reference terms, etc.) to an individual of specific description (like caste, age, income and education). Moreover, they have been asked to supply data on their linguistic use in the kin as well as social network levels.

The whole of the interview situation was recorded using a cassette tape recorder. Every care was taken to see that the interview was as much informal as possible. To facilitate free flow of information the interview was conducted in the residence of informants and the kiths and kins of informants were also allowed to be there in the interview situation.

2.7.2 Participant Observation Method

It is not always possible to elicit accurate and unbiased information using questionnaire for this type of study. Therefore, to overcome this difficulty, the technique of participant observation method was also used in the collection of data. The use of pronouns, pronominal terminations, way of exercising authority or power and expressing intimacy could be studied accurately by participant observation method only. Hence, the researcher stayed in the village and lived among the villagers to observe their linguistic behaviour. This observation helped the researcher to cross check the data that were collected through questionnaire method. Moreover, the data