

which formed basis for the semiotic study of address terms have been collected essentially through this method only. All such observations have been recorded properly.

2.8 Transcription and Classification of Data

Whole of the data have been transliterated using Roman script adopting the method of broad transcription. Since, the aim of the study is not concerned with phonetic changes, narrow transcription method has not been resorted to. All such data have been processed and classified in the following manner :

1. Pronouns used to refer to the persons in the kin and social network levels
2. Pronominal terminations used
3. address terms used
4. kinship terms used
5. politeness markers used
- and 6. authoritative features used

All these features have been listed in separate master charts which contain information about the informant (addresser) and the addressee.