

2.9 Analysis

Correlation of linguistic features with social parameters is at the foundation of sociolinguistics. In this sociolinguistic study, the data have been analysed to identify the variations in the use of different linguistic features which are controlled or influenced by any of the social variables chosen as diagnostic for this study. Variations identified in the use of these linguistic features have been correlated with the social variables. The correlation of linguistic variation with the social parameters has helped the researcher to identify the patterns of request available in a rural Tamil society.

Statistical analysis of variations have been carried out by calculating the instances of occurrences of each of the linguistic features in all the three major social communities and the percentage of occurrence has been calculated to know their distribution level in different social groups. The statistical data have been presented in the form of charts as well as in the form of three dimensional bar diagrams using a computer software package.