

CHAPTER - III

NETWORK OF THE PEOPLE

3.1 General

Sociologists have resorted to network analysis as it explains the social behaviour and patterns by analyzing the relations among concrete social entities like persons, groups and organizations [Gartrell, 1987 : 50]. Milroy (1980), a linguist who studied the linguistic variation in Belfast through network system suggests that the network concept is a very useful one because it focuses on the individual's relationship to society at large through the individual contacts.

This chapter discusses briefly about the social network found in the field under study. The social, geographical, topographical structures of the field are discussed here. The cultural characteristics of the people of the area under study is also discussed in the following sections.

3.2 Sample Villages

The sample villages taken up for this study are Nanjai Kolanalli and Punjai Kolanalli which are located in the Periyar