

use these trains to reach their educational institutions. Thus, both road and rail transport facilities are available for the people of these villages.

3.2.2 River and Canals

The river Cauvery flows through the sample villages making them prosperous. A canal from Lower Bhavani Project (LBP) flows across these villages and supplies abundant water for irrigation and other purposes. Another canal by name Kalingarayan canal also passes through these villages. Both these canals are perannial sources of water for the people of these villages.

3.2.3 Caste Groups

Different kinds of caste groups are found in these villages. Sometimes, a hamlet is dominated by the people of a particular caste who constitute majority of the population. The following castes are found in the above said sample villages.

3.2.3.1 Forward Community

The forward communities found in these villages are Iyer, Iyengar, Kannada Brahmin, Telugu Brahmin and Vellalas.