

communities belonging to the backward community live next to Brahmins and the scheduled community people live next to those of the backward community.

3.5.2 Interaction Among Caste Groups

Though members of each caste are skillful in one way or the other, they have to depend upon the members of other castes also. Landlords depend upon the agricultural labourers, artisans depend upon the landlords, the priests depend upon landlords and so on. This mutual inter-dependence leads to the good relationship among different communities which live in a area. As a result of this inter-dependance, interaction among the members of each caste takes place smoothly and cordially, though of late there are some disturbances and problems taking place occasionally.

3.5.3 Temples

A large Kottai Mariyamman 'Fort Mariamman' temple is situated by the side of Erode-Karur main road. It is the biggest temple of this area. This is a common temple for both the Nanjai Kolanalli and Punjai Kolanalli villages. The annual festival is celebrated during the Tamil month of Masi (February - March).

In this area, there are other temples also. Temples such as Annamar temple, Varatharaja Perumal temple and Vinayagar temple are