CHAPTER - V

USE OF PRONOMINAL TERMINATIONS

5.1 Pronominal Terminations

In the morphological structure of the Tamil language, we find agreement and concord relationship between the subject and the predicate. That is, the person, and gender - number of the finite verb show concord relationship with the subject. This type of morpheme which exhibits the agreement between the subject and predicate is called pronominal termination. Since they express person, number and gender in third person they are called as PNG marker also. The choice of a proper pronominal termination (PT) to refer to a particular person depends upon several social and other parameters and they are discussed in the following pages. There are eight types of third person pronominal terminations in Tamil. They are,

1. III person masculine singular

2. III person masculine non honorific plural

3. III person feminine singular

4. III person feminine non honorific plural

5. III person epicene plural