6. using address terms
7. adding the honorific suffix – ḋka
8. minimizing the imposition.

9.5.1.5.1 Prolonged Pause

When Hindu temple priests make a request to their superiors (dhārma kartta, a trustee of the temple), they make the following type of request:

citta peippara………………… kutunjka
Persu. Dia. paper + Acc. pause give + Hon. Suf.

patuṭcitut tarren………………
read + Aux. Comp. give + Pre. Ten. + I PT pause

'Please give that paper, (I will) return after reading. [(I) have to see an item in that paper.]

In the above request, the words are not spelt with regular and actual pause but it is prolonged and extended for some more time. Here, prolonged pause is used because the requesters want to show their extensive politeness/deference to the requestee. The request made by the barbers also consist of unusual pause between words to show respect to the landlords from whom they get money for their living.
9.5.1.5.2 Time Adverbial as a Marker

Low income group government employees while making a request to the landlords employ the following type of request patterns. Here it has to be mentioned that the low income group government employees belong to the same village and hence they are very much familiar to the local people.

\[\text{eːnūnka} \quad \text{anta} \quad \text{pustakam} \quad \text{iruntaː} \quad \text{kuʈʊnka}\]
\[\text{Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf.} \quad \text{that book} \quad \text{if available give + Hon. Suf.}\]
\[\text{pāṭiccittu} \quad \text{naːlakki} \quad \text{allatu} \quad \text{naːlaːnnikki}\]
\[\text{read + Aux. Comp.} \quad \text{tomorrow + Dat.} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{day after}\]
\[\text{tarrəːn}\]
\[\text{give + Pre. Ten. + I PT}\]

'Hello, if (you) have that book, give ......
I will return tomorrow or day after tomorrow'

9.5.1.5.3 Using Incomplete Sentences

Incomplete sentences are made use of to show respect to the requestee. Middle age group and young age group backward community informants use incomplete sentences to their superiors as a mark of respect to them in the following manner:
1. e:nuŋka               sa:r cillare irunta:
   Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf. sir change if available
   nu:ru ru:pa:yykki ............... 
   hundred rupees + Dat. incomplete

   'Hello, sir, if(you) have change for hundred rupees.....'

2. e:nuŋka               cillare ............... 
   Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf. change incomplete

   'Sir, change ...........

9.5.1.5.4 Asking Apology for Intrusion

   Apologizing for intrusion while making a request to
   superiors is another strategy employed in this type of expression.

   ekskyu:s mi: pe:ppar końeam kuṭunka
   excuse me paper Persu. give + Hon. Suf.

   'Excuse me, give the paper, please'

   Similar requests along with time adverbial or indirect
   request with honorific suffix -ńka have been attested in the
   request of college going students to their superiors.
9.5.1.5.5 If Clause

If clause sentence is used to give options to the requestee and thereby the requester expresses respect or politeness to the requestee.

\[ \text{sa:r buk irunta:} \quad \text{ku\text{"u}nka} \]
\[ \text{sir book if (you) have give + Hon. Suf.} \]
\[ \text{paticci\text{"u}ttut} \quad \text{tarre:n} \]
\[ \text{read + Aux. Comp.} \quad \text{give + Pre. Ten. + I PT} \]

'Sir, if (you) have the book give (me), I will return (it) after reading'

9.5.1.5.6 Address Terms

Address terms such as sa:r, me:dam, ti:ccar, amma:, sa:mi, motala:li, ejama:n, etc. are used to show deference to their superiors.

\[ \text{sa:r, me:dam, ti:ccar} \quad \text{used by educated informants.} \]
\[ \text{sa:mi & ejama:n} \quad \text{highly deferential address terms used by agricultural labourers belonging to the scheduled community.} \]
\[ \text{motala:li} \quad \text{used by manual labourers to address the persons who buy their labour.} \]
9.5.1.5.7 Minimizing the Impositions

When a request is made, it would affect the freedom of actions of the requestee. Hence minimizing the imposition is adopted as a strategy of request to superiors.

'sir that + Acc. Persu. give + Hon. Suf. Persu. headings see + Aux. Comp. give + Pre. Ten. + I PT

'Sir, please give that (paper), (I will) go through the headings and return (it)'

The above pattern of request is used by professionals to their superiors while requesting to lend the paper to them. The use of the lexical item 'headings headings in a paper' minimizes the imposition by asserting that they will take less time to read the paper.

9.5.1.5.8 Indirect Request


'Owner, have you finished reading the paper?'