

income group of the same caste authoritatively but with some politeness markers.

<u>te:y</u> <u>tampi</u>	<u>saykkla</u>	<u>koñcam</u>	<u>talli</u>	<u>pinnukku</u>
Att. Ca. + Pse.Kin.Br.	cycle +Acc.	Persu.	move	behind
	<u>niruttura:</u>			
	park + IM			

'Hey brother, move (your) cycle little bit behind
(and) park'

In the above request, though the requesters use the authoritative features such as te:y and -ra: attention callers and non-honorific suffix respectively, they also use the polite marker koñcam to make it soft.

9.7.3.4 Other Features of Authority Used

The following features which express the authoritativeness of the requester are also found in the data.

9.7.3.4.1 Instruction

College educated higher income group informants make instructional requests to their neighbours. The example is as follows:

sayakla naṭuvula niruttama o:rama: niruttunka
 cycle + Acc. centre + Loc. park not aside stop + Hon. Suf.

'Park your cycle aside and do not park at the
 middle (of the way)'

9.7.3.4.2 Negative Request

College educated professionals of middle income group
 (informants) instruct the neighbours to dump the garbage in some
 other place in the following manner :

<u>inta ma:tiri</u>	<u>kuppeyella:m</u>	<u>inka</u>	<u>po:ṭa</u>	<u>ve:ṇam</u>
like this	garbage-all	here	put	don't
<u>ma:mi:</u>	<u>ve:reṅkaya:vatu</u>	<u>po:ṭunka.</u>	<u>inka po:ṭṭa:</u>	
aunt	elsewhere	put	here put-if	
<u>kocuvella:m</u>	<u>varum.</u>	<u>atana:la</u>	<u>po:ṭa ve:ṇam</u>	
mosquito-all	will come.	so	put don't	

'Mami, (you) don't dump garbages here, like this, dump
 them somewhere else. If (you) dump them here mosquitoes
 will come. So don't put (here)'

9.7.4 Request to a Friend

Authoritative requests are of different kinds. The various
 types of authoritative requests used among friends are discussed
 below :

9.7.4.3 Other Authoritative Features

After challenging the action of the hearer, speaker gives an authoritative instruction such as,

1. koñcam eṭuttu appiṭi niruttu
 Persu. take along that side park

'Park (the cycle) along that side, please'

2. o:rama: vayṭa: valivittu
 aside park + IM leaving path

'Park (the cycle) aside leaving space for path'

Thus there are some requests made authoritatively and this shows the exercise of authority through linguistic means. It may also be noted that whenever authoritative features are used excessively, in order to make it soft the politeness markers^{ave} also used simultaneously to reduce the harshness. In friends' circle also, though authoritative requests are made to them, the politeness markers are also added mostly to soften the requests.

9.7.5 Request made to Colleagues

When a request is made to colleagues, one may notice that informants from the organized and unorganised sectors behave in

different manner, and this influences the speech behaviour of the informants also. Those who are working in the government institutions and other organized sectors (the so called white collars) generally tend to use address terms and honorific suffixes to their colleagues while making a request, whereas the informants belonging to unorganized institutions (the so called blue collars) generally tend to use non-honorific address terms.

9.7.5.1 Action Questioned

The action of the doer is questioned by the speaker in the following manner :

<u>ennaṅka</u>	<u>naṭuvula</u>	<u>koṇṭuvantu</u>	<u>niruttiṭṭiṅka</u>
Att. Ca. + Hon. Suf.	Centre + Loc.	having brought	parked + Aux. Comp. + Hon. Suf.
<u>koṅcam</u>	<u>taḷḷi</u>	<u>niruttuṅka</u>	
Persu.	move	stop + Hon. Suf.	

'Hello, why have (you) parked the cycle in the middle,
park it away please'

The above request was made by old age group informant of the middle income group. Though they resent the action of the doer, they use honorific suffix -ṅka to the requestee.