

SYNOPSIS

This dissertation is a report of a survey of the variety of English spoken by Satara professionals. The Satara professionals are those who have been practising some profession in Satara for a considerably long period. Thus the term has restricted meaning. Samples chosen are from five different professions. From each profession a lady and a gentleman are selected. The five professionals are college teachers, advocates, doctors, bankers and insurance servants.

Samples of their speech were collected with the help of a schedule and a reading-list of sentences. A part of the reading-list was tailor-made (Bansal's) so as to include all the segmental phonemes and some stress patterns. The data i.e., actual utterances collected with the help of the reading-list was transcribed and analysed.

The dissertation has three sections. The first describes the consonants used by the Satara speakers, the second describes the vowels and the third describes other peculiar features of the Satara speakers.

The features of the Satara professionals' speech are compared with the recommended EIE (Nihalani et al) and the differences noted. It appears from the findings of this

investigation that the Satara variety of English speech shares a good deal of features with EIE and so it is suggested that this variety is likely to be intelligible to other Indian speakers if not possibly to the native speakers.

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