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The object of this study was to investigate features of condensed noun phrases in EST in general and those in Indian EST in particular. Samples of British and Indian EST materials were selected from the standard computer corpora of the two varieties and the occurrences of CNP's therein were investigated.

In Chapter III, the nature of condensed noun phrases has been described in detail. Some problems of comprehension of CNP's have been identified and discussed with illustrations. There is also a discussion on elaboration and condensation of information in respect of CNP's. On the basis of these discussions, we came to the conclusion that one of the major factors involved in making sense of CNP's is background knowledge. In the actual process of elaborating CNP's, we had to take the help of subject experts who acted as informants. This supports our hypothesis that background knowledge is necessary for making sense of condensed noun phrases in scientific and technical writings.

In Chapter IV, we have presented an analysis of the data selected for this study. Qualitative and quantitative analyses have been given in this chapter. On the basis of the quantitative analysis, it has been observed that The Kolhapur Corpus has greater number of instances of CNP's

than the LOB Corpus. The results of the qualitative analysis indicate that the CNP's in Indian English are more complex and difficult to comprehend.

It has also been observed that occurrences of noun compounds as premodifiers increase the complexity of CNP's. In many cases, in respect of noun compounds, elaboration requires extra lexical items to be inserted. Such cases are more frequent in Indian English than in British English.

The overall conclusion we may draw from this study is that there is a tendency in Indian EST for using more condensed noun phrases both in terms of quantity and complexity.

When we look at the varieties of sequences of premodifiers within the types, the British English seems to be richer than the Indian English. There are a number of varieties of sequence of premodifiers in both the corpora. We cannot make any definite statement about this until further research is carried out on this aspect of CNP's.