

Grammatical Feature: {Locative-Inessive}

The locative case indicates a location. In the standard Marathi sentence *mi mumbait rahte* (I Mumbai-in live) the suffix [-t] indicates the locative (inessive) case relation. Other suffixes [-la] and [-wər] are used in standard Marathi to indicate the adessive and supersessive local relations respectively. The geographical and social variation observed in the survey data in marking the inessive case relations is illustrated below.

1.0 Dialectal variation in marking the {Locative-Inessive}

Ten variant forms were observed in the various regional dialects of Marathi for indicating the locative-inessive case: (1) [-t], (2) [-la/l], (3) [-le/l], (4) [-lə/l], (5) [-nə/n/na/ni], (6) [-ma/m], (7) [-ši], (8) [-tni/tnə], (9) [-k/kə/ka], (10) [-šin]. The geographical/social distribution and examples of the variant forms are given below.

1.1 Variant 1: [-t]

The variant [-t] is used for indicating the locative-inessive case relation in all the sampled districts in the state of Maharashtra.

1.1.1 Example (District Chandrapur, taluka Brahmapuri, village Pachgaon, F51, Dhiwar, Illiterate)

विकायला आता आमी दुकानात नेतून

wikayla ata ami dukanat netun

wik-ayla ata ami dukan-a-t ne-t-un

sell-NON.FIN now we.EXCL shop-OBL-LOC carry-IPFV-1PL

We take it in the store to sell.

1.2. Variant 2: [-la/l]

The variant [-la/l] is observed for indicating the locative-inessive case relation in all the sampled districts in the state of Maharashtra.

1.2.1 Example (District Beed, taluka Ambajogai, village Satephal, F55, Mahar, Illiterate)

नातेवाईक पुन्याला रातेत भाउ

natewaik punyala ratet b^hau



natewaik punya-**la** ra-t-et b^hau

relatives Pune.OBL-**LOC** stay-IPFV-3PL brother

(My) Relatives live in Pune.

1.3 Variant 3: [-le/l]

The variant [-le/l] is used as a marker of the locative-inessive in nineteen of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and example are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Chandrapur	Chandrapur - Chaknimbala, Rajura - Kadholi (Budruk) and Koshtala, Brahmapuri - Panchgaon
Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli - Khursa, Korchi - Mohgaon
Gondia	Gondia - Temni and Tedhwa
Bhandara	Bhandara - Dhargaon and Mujbi, Tumsar - Lobhi
Nagpur	Nagpur - Yerla, Bhiwapur - Sawargaon and Botezari, Ramtek - Bhojapur and Karwahi, Narkhed - Umari and Pandhari
Wardha	Wardha - Karanji (Bhoge), Hinganghat - Poti, Selu - Zadshi
Yavatmal	Ner - Kolura and Dagad Dhanora
Amravati	Amravati - Sawardi and Malkapur, Warud - Satnur and Gadegaon, Daryapur - Bhambora, Jitapur and Bhamod, Dharni - Kawdaziri
Akola	Akola - Gopalkhed and Yeota
Washim	Washim - Shirputi, Karanja - Girda and Donad (Budruk)
Buldhana	Buldhan - Palaskhed Bhat, Jalgaon-Jamod - Wadgaon Patan and Nimkarad, Shegaon - Shirajgaon (Nile) and Padsul
Hingoli	Kalamnuri - Morwad
Aurangabad	Vaijapur - Sawkhedganga, Paithan - Pachod (Budruk), Soegaon - Ghosla and Palaskheda
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon and Wadli, Jamner - Wakod and Waghari, Raver - Nirul and Mangalwadi, Chalisingaon - Hatle and Dahiwad, Chopda- Tandalwadi
Dhule	Dhule - Laling, Songir, Khede and Khordad, Shirpur - Ambe, Shingave and Boradi,



	Sakri - Dighave and Dhadne
Nandurbar	Nandurbar - Ghotane and Dhanora, Navapur - Khandbara and Chinchpada, Shahada - Prakasha and Shahada
Nashik	Malegaon - Kalwadi and Kaulane (GA), Satana - Daregaon, Surgana - Kathipada, Triambakeshwar - Goldari
Palghar	Talasari - Udhwa and Girgaon, Jawhar - Hateri, Mokhada - Dandwal
Thane	Murbad - Madh

1.3.1 Example (District Dhule, taluka Dhule, village Khordad, F60, Kunbi Patil, 7th)

तडे डोंबिलीले शिकनू दोन तिन वर्शे

təde dombilile šiknu don tin wərše

təde dombili-le šik-n-u don tin wərše

there Dombivli-LOC study-PFV-1SGF two three years

(I) studied in Dombivli for two or three years.

1.4 Variant 4: [-lə/l]

The variant [-lə/l] is noted as a marker of the locative-inessive in eleven of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical spread of this variant and example are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Gondia	Sadak-Arjuni - Chikhali
Gadchiroli	Gadchiroli - Khursa and Shioni
Bhandara	Bhandara - Mujbi
Chandarapur	Brahmapuri - Torgaon (Budruk)
Hingoli	Kalamnuri - Morwad
Osmanabad	Osmanabad - Kond
Nashik	Triambakeshwar - Goldari
Palghar	Vasai - Wagholi, Dahanu - Murbad and Pimpalshet, Talasari - Udhawa, Jawhar - Hateri, Mokhada - Dandwal and Karegaon
Thane	Shahapur - Chaundhe (Budruk) and Borsheti
Ratnagiri	Ratnagiri - Someshwar



Sindhudurg Kudal - Kudal

1.4.1 Example (District Palghar, taluka Mokhada, village Dandwal, M48, Warli, 4th)

दिववाळीलं ते आमचे गावठी ते कंदफळ ते शिजवतात

dipwali^l te amče gawṭ^hi te kəndp^həḷə te šijəwtat

dipwali-lə te am-č-e gawṭ^hi te kəndp^həḷə te šij-əw-t-at

diwali-LOC DEM.DIST.3PL we.EXCL-GEN-3PL local DEM.DIST.3PL yam fruit.3PL DEM.DIST.3PL cook-CAUS-IPFV-3PL

During Diwali, yam fruits are cooked.

1.5 Variant 5: [-nə/n/na/ni]

The variant [-nə/n/na/ni] is observed as a marker of the locative-inessive in fourteen of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and examples are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Gadchiroli	Korchi - Bori and Mohgaon
Chandrapur	Rajura - Kadholi (Budruk) and Koshtala
Nagpur	Narkhed - Pandhri (Kirad community)
Amravati	Dharni - Kawdaziri
Yavatmal	Ghatanji - Kurli
Hingoli	Kalamnuri - Morwad
Aurangabad	Aurangabad - Pimpalkhunta
Nandurbar	Shahada - Prakasha
Nashik	Triambakeshwar - Goldari
Palghar	Vasai - Wagholi, Kalamb and Nirmal, Dahanu - Murbad and Pimpalshet, Jawhar - Hateri
Thane	Bhiwandi - Bhiwali
Raigad	Karjat - Salokh, Alibag - Mandwa
Ratnagiri	Ratnagiri - Malgund
Sindhudurg	Dodamarg - Ayee

1.5.1 Example (District Gadchiroli, taluka Korchi, village Mohgaon, F48, SC, 1st)



बसलीस का आपल्या भाशानं

bəslis ka aplyə b^haʃanə

bəs-l-is ka ap-l-ya b^haʃa-nə

sit-PFV-2SGF what we.INCL-GEN-OBL language-LOC

(So you want me to say,) ‘Did you sit’ in my language?

1.5.2 Example (District Nashik, taluka Triambakeshwar, village Goldari, F50+, Warli, Illiterate)

त्या इकडूनचे येन्नी बॅग खोल्ली आनि ते दप्तर तेच्या हातान दिलं

tya ikḍunče yenni bæg k^holli ani te dəptər tečə hatan dilə

tya ikḍun-č-e yen-ni bæg k^hol-l-i ani te dəptər te-č-a hat-a-n di-l-ə

DEM.DIST.OBL here.ABL-GEN-PL they.OBL-ERG bag.3SGF open-PFV-3SGF and DEM.DIST.3SGN satchel.3SGN he.OBL-GEN-OBL hand-OBL-LOC give-PFV-3SGN

The person on this side opened the bag and gave the satchel in his hand.

1.6 Variant 6: [-ma/m]

The variant [-ma/m] is used as a marker of the locative-inessive in eight of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and an example are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon, Raver - Nirul and Mangalwadi, Chalisgaon - Hatle and Dahiwad, Chopda- Tandalwadi and Vaijapur
Dhule	Dhule - Laling, Songir, Khede and Khordad, Shirpur - Ambe, Shingave and Boradi, Sakri - Dighave and Dhadne
Nandurbar	Nandurbar - Ghotane and Dhanora, Navapur - Khandbara and Chinchpada, Shahada - Prakasha and Shahada
Nashik	Malegaon - Kalwadi and Kaulane (GA), Satana - Daregaon, Surgana - Kathipada
Palghar	Vasai - Kalamb and Nirmal, Dahanu - Bordi, Murbad, Pimpalshet and Vetli



Raigad	Karjat - Salokh, Alibag - Baple, Roha - Chinchwli, Mahad - Narwan
Nanded	Deglur - Ramtapur (Hatkar community)
Nagpur	Narkhed - Pandhri (Kirad community)

1.6.1 Example (District Dhule, taluka Dhule, village Songir, M60, Mali, 11th)

दोनमा येक अय ना येरमा पडी गया

donma yek əy na yerma pəḍi gəya

don-ma yek əy na yer-ma pəḍ-i gəy-a

both-LOC one be.PRS DM well-LOC fall-CP go-PFV.3SGM

One of the two fell into the well.

1.7 Variant 7: [-ši]

The variant [-ši] is noted as a marker of the locative-inessive in five of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and examples are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Jalgaon	Jalgaon - Dhamangaon (Dhangar community)
Dhule	Dhule- Khordad (Kunbi Patil community), Shirpur - Boradi (Dhangar community)
Nashik	Triambakeshwar - Goldari (Warli community)
Palghar	Vasai - Kalamb and Nirmal, Dahanu - Bordi, Talasari - Udhawa and Girgaon, Jawhar - Hateri and Khambala
Thane	Ambernath - Usatane (Agri community)

1.7.1 Example (District Thane, taluka Ambernath, village Usatane, F55, Agri, Illiterate)

शेतावर गेलू तिथशी भात खुनला तितून डबल दुसऱ्या शेतावर जेलू तिथशी भात पेरला

šetawər gelu tit^{hə}ši b^hat k^hunla titun ḍəbəl dusrya šetawər jelu ti^{hə}ši b^hat perla

šet-a-wər ge-l-u tit^{hə}-ši b^hat k^hun-l-a tit-un ḍəbəl dusrya šet-a-wər je-l-u ti^{hə}-ši b^hat per-l-a



farm-OBL-PP.LOC go-PFV-1SGM there-LOC rice.3SGM pluck-PFV-3SGM there-**ABL** double other.OBL farm-OBL-PP.LOC go-PFV-1SGM there-**LOC** rice.3SGM sow-PFV-3SGM

(I) went to the farm, harvested rice (crops) from there and then went to another farm and sowed rice there.

1.7.2 Example (District Palghar, taluka Talasari, village Udhawa, F50, Warli, Illiterate)

तिकडं ती नवरी बसवायची च़ौकाशी

tikḍə ti nəwri bəswayči cəwkaši

tikḍə ti nəwri bəs-(ə)w-ayč-i cəwka-ši

there DEM.DIST.3SGF bride.3SGF sit-CAUS-NON.FIN-3SGF square.OBL-**LOC**

The bride is made to sit there in the courtyard.

1.8 Variant 8: [-tni/tnə]

The variant [-tni/tnə] is observed as a marker of the locative-inessive in three of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and example are given below:

District Taluka and Village

Yavatmal	Ner - Kolura (Dhangar community) and Dagad Dhanora
Washim	Washim - Shirputi, Karanja - Girda and Donad (Budruk)
Kolhapur	Shahuwadi - Shahuwadi and Khutalwadi, Kagal - Gorambe, Chandgad - Chandgad and Tudiye, Gadhinglaj - Hebbal Jaldyal and Inchnal

1.8.1 Example (District Washim, taluka Karanja, village Donad BK, F33, Kunbi-Patil, 12th)

तेच असं ढ़िप असते लावलेली शेतात्नी

tec əsə ḍrip əste lawleli šetatni

te-c əsə ḍrip əs-t-e law-l-el-i šet-a-tni



it-EMPH thus.3SGN drip.3SGF be-IPFV-3SGF apply-PLU.PFV-3SGF farm-
OBL-LOC

Drip is placed in the farm.

1.9 Variant 9: [-k/kə/ka]

The variant [-k/kə/ka] is used as a marker of the locative-inessive in three of the sampled 34 districts in the state of Maharashtra. The geographical and social spread of this variant and example are given below:

District	Taluka and Village
Ratnagiri	Rajapur - Kumbhavade
Sindhudurg	Dodamarg - Ayee and Matne, Malwan - Katta, Deulwada and Dandi, Kudal - Amrad and Mangaon, Vengurla - Vengurla, Devgad - Taramumbri and Jamsande, Vaibhavwadi - Nadavde, Sawantwadi - Kolgaon and Satarde
Kolhapur	Chandgad - Kodali, Radhanagari - Olavan (Maratha community)

1.9.1 Example (District Sindhudurg, taluka Malwan, village Katta, M55, Bhandari, Diploma)

पन आता कसं झालं आजुबाजुक पन बरीचशी वस्ती झाली

pən ata kəsə j^halə ajubajuk pən bəricši wəsti j^hali

pən ata kəsə j^ha-l-ə ajubaju-k pən bəricši wəsti j^ha-l-i

but now how.3SGN happen-PFV-3SGN around-LOC but lot residence happen-
PFV-3SGF

Nowadays there are many residences nearby.

1.9.2 Example (District Ratnagiri, taluka Rajapur, village Kumbhavade, M52, Bhandari, 10th)

रंगपंचमी होती त्या टायमाक

rəngəpənčəmi hoti tya ṭaymak

rəngəpənčəmi hot-i tya ṭayma-k

rangapanchami be.PST-3SGF DEM.DIST.OBL time.OBL-LOC



It was during the time of *Rangapanchami* (a festival).

1.10 Variant 10: [-šin]

The variant [-šin] is observed as a marker of the locative-inessive only in the Khaire-Kunbi community living in Botejhari in Bhiwapur taluka of Nagpur district.

1.10.1 Example (District Nagpur, Taluka Bhiwapur, Village Botejhari, F70, Khaire-Kunbi, Illiterate)

पैलेच्या सुनाशीन लगीत फरक पडते ना

pəilečə sunašin ləgit p^hərək pəḍte nā

pəile-č-a suna-šin ləgit p^hərək pəḍ-t-e nā

first-GEN-OBL daughter-in-law.PL-LOC much difference fall-IPFV-3SG DM

There is much difference between today's daughters-in-law and those of the previous times.

