

Chapter 2

Review of Literature

The chapter presents a review of some of the literature available on Sylheti. It should be mentioned here that the variety does not have much written literature. No exhaustive scientific or systematic study has been done on this variety by any linguist or scholar. However, G.A. Grierson in his '*Linguistic Survey of India*' Vol V Pt- I (1903) made a skeletal grammar of various dialects Eastern Bengali language where he discusses about the phonology, morphology and syntax of the same very briefly.

De, M.'s (1981) *A Controlled Historical Reconstruction of the Segmental Phonology of Sylhet Bangla and Standard Bangla* made a comparative study of phonemes of Sylheti and standard Bengali to reconstruct the Proto form of both the varieties.

Tunga, S.S.'s (1995) *Bengali and other related Dialects of South Assam* gives a brief description of Bengali sound system and its related dialects.

Kakoli Dey' (2000) *Historical Inquiry into Sylheti Dialect as Spoken in Silchar Sub-Division*, unpublished M Phil dissertation, Assam University, Silchar, describes the phonological structure of Sylheti Bengali spoken in Silchar sub-divison from the historical point of view. However,

Bhuiya, M.A. 2000. *Jalalavadi Nagri: a unique script & literature of Sylheti Bangla* unpublished PhD dissertation describes about the script and literature of the Sylheti.

Jaganath Chakrabarty' (2004) *Sylheti-English Dictionary* makes a humble attempt to compile Sylheti vocabularies and their equivalents in English.

Spratt, David and Nancy Spratt. 1987. *The Phonology of Sylheti Bangla*. SIL is a sincere effort to describe the phonology of Sylheti.