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Appendix I

Dataset used for Phoneme inventory

Phoneme inventory of Chokri (Chapter 2)

Consonant: Plosives

Phoneme	Word	Chokri word	Gloss
/p/	/pa/	pa	Pluck
/p ^h /	/p ^h a/	pha	Tie
/b/	/ba/	ba	Sit
/t/	/ta/	ta	Chew
/t ^h /	/t ^h a/	tha	Stand
/d/	/da/	da	Cut
/k/	/ka/	ka	Loss
/k ^h /	/k ^h a/	kha	Throw
/g/	/ga/	ga	Winnowing

3. vāpè pá sī s̄ā s̄ó-tē
 Vapü pa si sa sū-te
 Once again pluck say again-IMP
 ‘Say pa again’

4. vāpè p^há sī s̄ā s̄ó-tē
 Vapü pha si sa sū-te
 Once again tie say again- IMP
 ‘Say pha again’

5. vāpè bá sī s̄ā s̄ó-tē
 Vapü ba si sa sū-te
 Once again sit say again- IMP
 ‘Say ba again’

6. vāpè tā sī s̄ā s̄ó-tē
 Vapü ta si sa sū- IMP

Once again run say again-decl
 ‘Say ta again’

7. vāpè t^hà sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü tha si sa sü-te
 Once again stand say again-IMP
 ‘Say tha again’

8. vāpè dá sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü da si sa sü-te
 Once again chop say again-IMP
 ‘Say da again’

9. vāpè kà sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü ka si sa sü-te
 Once again loss say again-IMP
 ‘Say ka again’

10. vāpè k^hà sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü kha si sa sü-te
 Once again throw say again-IMP
 ‘Say kha again’

11. vāpè gā sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü ga si sa sü-te
 Once again winnow say again-IMP
 ‘Say ga again’

Nasals

Phoneme	Word	Chokri word	Gloss
/m/	/ma/	ma	Grow
/m ^h /	/m ^h a/	mha	Things
/n/	/natʃe/	nace	Sun
/n ^h /	/n ^h a/	nha	Grass
/ŋ/	/ŋane/	ngane	Infant

/n/	/nɔ/	nyo	To run over
/n ^h /	/n ^h ɔ/	nhyo	Mop with mud

12. vāpè mà sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü ma si sa sü-te
 Once again grow say again-IMP
 ‘Say ma again’

13. vāpè m^há sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü mha si sa sü-te
 Once again thing say again-IMP
 ‘Say mha again’

14. vāpè nācé sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü nace si sa sü-te
 Once again sun say again-IMP
 ‘Say nace again’

15. vāpè n^há sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü nha si sa sü-te
 Once again grass say again-IMP
 ‘Say nha again’

16. vāpè nānē sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü ngane si sa sü-te
 Once again infant say again-IMP
 ‘Say ngane again’

17. vāpè nō sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü nyo si sa sü-te
 Once again run over say again-IMP
 ‘Say nyo again’

18. vāpè	$\text{ŋ}^{\text{h}}\text{ə}$	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	nhyo	si	sa sü-te
Once again	mop	say	again-IMP
‘Say nhyo again’			

Fricatives and Affricates

Phoneme	Word	Chokri word	Gloss
/f/	/fə/	fü	Fish
/v/	/və/	vü	Beat
/tʃ/	/tʃə/	cü	call
/tʃʰ/	/tʃʰə/	chü	dig
/dʒ/	/dʒə/	jü	water

19. vāpè	f̥	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	fü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	fish	say	again-IMP
‘Say fü again’			

20. vāpè	v̥	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	vü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	beat	say	again-IMP
‘Say vü again’			

21. vāpè	tʃ̥	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	cü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	call	say	again-IMP
‘Say cü again’			

22. vāpè	tʃʰ̥	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	chü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	dig	say	again-IMP
‘Say chü again’			

23. vāpè	dʒ̥	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	jü	si	sa sü-te

Once again water say again-IMP
‘Say jü again’

Lateral, approximants and rhotics

/l/	/lə/	lü	think
/r/	/ mērā/	mera	bird
/ʃ/	/məʃə/	merha	basket
/w/	/awu/	awu	we
/j/	/ji/	yi	field

24. vāpə	l̩	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapū	lü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	think	say	again-IMP
‘Say lü again’			

25. vāpə	mērā	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapū	mera	si	sa sü-te
Once again	bird	say	again-IMP
‘Say mera again’			

26. vāpə	mē̄rā	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	merha	si	sa sü-te
Once again	basket	say	again-IMP
‘Say merha again’			

27. vāpè	āwú	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	awu	si	sa sü-te
Once again	we	say	again-IMP
‘Say awu again’			

28. vāpə	jī	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	yi	si	sa sü-te
Once again	field	say	again-IMP

‘Say yi again’

Vowel

Vd_V				Vl_V			
/i/	/bi/	pi	Yam	/pi/	pi	Head	
/ɛ/	/bɛ/	pe	To wear shawl	/pɛ/	pe	Mushroom	
/a/	/da/	da	To cut meat	/ta/	ta	Run	
/ɔ/	/dɔ/	do	Weave	/kɔ/	ko	Hatch	
/u/	/du/	du	stuck	/ku/	ku	To go up	
/ə/	/bə/	bü	To cut hair	/pə/	pü	take	
/ə/	/bə/	bü	To play (with dirt)	/pə/	pü	To carry on back	

29. vāpè bí sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü bi si sa sü-te
 Once again yam say again-IMP
 ‘Say bi again’

30. vāpè bɛ sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü be si sa sü-te
 Once again wear say again-IMP
 ‘Say be again’

31. vāpè dá sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü da si sa sü-te
 Once again chop say again-IMP
 ‘Say da again’

32. vāpè dɔ sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü do si sa sü-te
 Once again weave say again-IMP

‘Say do again’

33. vāpè	dù	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	du	si	sa sü-te
Once again	stuck	say	again-IMP
‘Say du again’			

34. vāpè	bō	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	bü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	cut	say	again-IMP
‘Say bü again’			

35. vāpè	bō	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	bü	si	sa sü-te
Once again	play	say	again-IMP
‘Say bü again’			

36. vāpè	pī	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	pi	si	sa sü-te
Once again	head	say	again-IMP
‘Say pi again’			

37. vāpè	pē	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	pe	si	sa sü-te
Once again	mushroom	say	again-IMP
‘Say pe again’			

38. vāpè	tá	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	ta	si	sa sü-te
Once again	run	say	again-IMP
‘Say ta again’			

39. vāpè	kō	sī	sā sō-tē
Vapü	ko	si	sa sü-te

Once again hatch say again-IMP
 ‘Say ko again’

40. vāpè kū sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü ku si sa sü-te
 Once again climp up say again-IMP
 ‘Say ku again’

41. vāpè pə sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü pü si sa sü-te
 Once again take say again-IMP
 ‘Say pü again’

42. vāpè bə sī sā sō-tē
 Vapü pü si sa sü-te
 Once again carry say again-IMP
 ‘Say pü again’

Appendix II

Dataset used for tonal inventory in Chokri

Tone (Chapter 3)

Chü series		
[tʃʰü̥]	chü	disgusting
[tʃʰü̞]	chü	dig
[tʃʰü̚]	chü	Sweep and collect
[tʃʰü̚̚]	chü	fetch
[tʃʰü̚̚̚]	chü	bangle

pü series		
[pœ]	pü	fat
[pé]	pü	toothfall
[pə̄]	pü	Take
[p̄ə̄]	pü	One
[p̄é̄]	pü	bridge

sü series		
[sə̄]	sü	To dip
[sé]	sü	tree
[sə̄]	sü	block
[sə̄]	sü	cold
[sə̄]	sü	three

so series		
[sō̄]	so	sow
[sō̄]	so	dry
[sō̄]	so	To shake
[sō̄]	so	count
[sō̄]	so	Younger sibling

ta series		
[tā̄]	ta	To splash
[tá]	ta	run
[tā̄]	ta	chew
[tà̄]	ta	walk
[tā̄]	ta	mouth

elü series		
[ɛlɛ̄]	elü	rest
[ɛlə̄]	elü	Wood worm
[ɛlɔ̄]	elü	pinch
[ɛlə̄]	elü	inward
[ɛlɔ̄]	elü	warmth

melü series		
[mēlĕ]	melü	suspect
[mēlé]	melü	move
[mēlĕ]	melü	believe
[mēlĕ]	melü	tie
[mēlĕ]	melü	To heat

meza series		
[mēzā̄]	meza	To style (hair)
[mēzá̄]	meza	Thank you
[mēzā̄]	meza	Friend
[mēzà̄]	meza	catch
[mēzā̄]	meza	weak

Appendix III

Dataset used for the analysis of Morphophonology of tone

Morphophonology of tone in Chokri (Chapter 3)

-kō [plural]

43. [pē] (fat)

bōlā	hīhī	thōmā	pē-kō	sō-hō-té
Bola	hihi	thüma	püko	sühote
Shirt	this	people	fat-PL	wear-NEG-PRF
‘this shirt won’t fit fat people’				

vāpē	pē-kō	sī	sāsá-tē
Vapü	pü-ko	si	sasüte
Once again	carry-PL	say	again-IMP
‘Say pü-ko again’			

44. [sé] (wood)

sé-kō-tsē	pē	hītſēhī	p ^h ērī-tē
Sü-ko-tsü	pü	hicehi	pheri-te
Wood-PL	DEF	take	here
come-IMP			
‘bring those trees/woods here’			

vāpē	sé-kō	sī	sāsá-tē
Vapü	sü-ko	si	sasü-te
Once again	wood-PL	say	again-IMP
‘Say sü-ko again’			

45. [mərā] (bird)

mərā-kō-pó tāhā tì-hì-tē

Mera-ko-po taha ti-hi-te

Bird-PL-TOP grain eat-NEG-T-IMP

‘Don’t let the birds eat the grains’

vāpè p̄-kō sī sāsá-tē

Vapü mera-ko si sasü-te

Once again bird-PL say again-IMP

‘Say mera-ko again’

46. p̄epfə (shoe)

p̄epfə-kō-tsə k̄àá-tē

Phepfü-ko-tsü kha te

Shoe-PL-DEF throw-IMP

‘Throw those shoes away’

vāpè p̄epfə-kō sī sāsá-tē

Vapü phepfü-ko si sasü-te

Once again shoe-PL say again-IMP

‘Say phepfüko again’

47. tʃʰə (bangle)

nó	tʃʰə-kō-tsə	pə̄-tə̄
No	chü-ko-tsü	pü te
2SG	bangle-PL-DEF	take-IMP

‘You take the bangles’

vāpə̄	tʃʰə-kō	sī	sə̄sə̄-tə̄
Vapü	chü-ko	si	sasü-te
Once again	shoe-PL	say	again-IMP

‘Say chü-ko again’

-ní [dual]**48. [pə̄] (fat)**

bə̄lā	hīhī	thə̄mà	pə̄-ní	sə̄-hə̄-tə̄
Bola	hihi	thüma	pü-ni	sü-ho-te
Shirt	this	people	fat-DUAL	wear-NEG-IMP

‘this shirt won’t fit the two fat people’

vāpə̄	pə̄-ní	sī	sə̄ sə̄-tə̄
Vapü	pü-ni	si	sa sü-te
Once again	carry-PL	say	again-IMP

‘Say pü-ni again’

49. [sə̄] (wood)

sə̄- ní	tsə̄	pə̄	hītʃéhī	pʰə̄rī-tə̄
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Sü-ni tsü pü hicehi pheri-te
 Wood-DL DEF take here come-IMP
 ‘bring those two woods here’

vāpə s̄é-ní s̄i s̄asé-tē
 Vapü sü-ni si sasü-te
 Once again wood-DL say again-IMP
 ‘Say süko again’

50. [m̄erā] (bird)

m̄erā-ní-pó tāhā t̄i-h̄i-tē
 Mera-ni-po taha ti-hi-te
 Bird-DL-TOP grain eat-NEG-IMP
 ‘Don’t let the two birds eat the grains’

vāpə p̄é-ní s̄i s̄asé-tē
 Vapü mera-ni si sasü-te
 Once again bird-DL say again-IMP
 ‘Say mera-ni again’

51. [p̄ēpf̄ə] (shoe)

p̄ēpf̄ə-ní-tsə k̄hāá-tē
 Phepfū-ni-tsü kha te
 Shoe-DL-DEF throw-IMP

‘Throw those shoes away’

vāpə p^hēpfə-ní sī sā sō-tē

Vapü phepfü-ni si sa sü-te

Once again shoe-DL say again-IMP

‘Say phepfüni again’

52. [tʃ^hə] (bangle)

nó tʃ^hə-ní-tsə pəsə-tē

No chü-ni-tsü pü-te

2SG bangle-DL-DEF take-IMP

‘You take the two bangles’

vāpə tʃ^hə-ní sī sā sō-tē

Vapü chü-ni si sa sü-te

Once again shoe-DL say again-IMP

‘Say chü-ni again’

-hì [negation]

53. [t̄] (to splash water)

dʒó t̄-hì-tē

jü ta-hi-te

water splash-NEG-IMP

‘Dont splash water’

vāpə	tā-hì	sī	sā sə-tē
Vapü	ta-hi	si	sa sü-te
Once again	splash-NEG	say	again-IMP

‘Say ta-hi again’

54. [tá] (run)

tsətʃé	tá-hì-tē
Tsüce	ta-hi-te
There	run-NEG-IMP
‘Don’t run there’	

vāpə	tá-hì	sī	sāsə-tē
Vapü	ta-hi	si	sasü-te
Once again	run-NEG	say	again-IMP
‘Say ta-hi again’			

55. [tā] (chew)

tsə	tā-hì-tē
Tsü	ta-hi-te
There	chew-NEG-IMP
‘Don’t chew that’	

vāpə tā-hì sī sāsó-tē
 Vapü ta-hi si sasü-te
 Once again chew-NEG say again-IMP
 ‘Say ta-hi again’

56. [tā] (walk)

tsötſé tā-hì-tē
 Tsüce ta-hi-te
 There walk-NEG-IMP
 ‘Don’t walk there’

vāpə tā-hì sī sāsó-tē
 Vapü ta-hi si sasü-te
 Once again walk-NEG say again-IMP
 ‘Say ta-hi again’

57. [mētē] (suck)

tsə mētē-hì-tē
 Tsü metü-hi-te
 That suck-NEG-IMP
 ‘Don’t suck that’

vāpə mētē-hì sī sāsó-tē
 Vapü metü-hi si sasü-te

Once again suck-NEG say again-IMP

‘Say metü-hi again’

Vá [present progressive]**58. [tā] (to splash water)**

í dʒé tā-vá

i jü ta-va

1SG water splash-PROG

‘I am splashing water’

vāpə tā-vá sī sā sō-tē

Vapü ta-va si sasü-te

Once again splash-PROG say again-IMP

‘Say ta-va again’

59. [tá] (run)

í tá-vá

i ta-va

1SG run-PROG

‘I am running’

vāpə tá-vá sī sāsá-tē

Vapü ta-va si sasü-te

Once again run-PROG say again-IMP

‘Say ta-va again’

60. [tā] (chew)

Í tā-vá

i ta-va

1SG run-PROG

‘I am chewing’

vāpè tā-va sī sā sō-tē

Vapü ta-va si sa sü-te

Once again chew-PROG say again-IMP

‘Say ta-va again’

61. [tā-] (walk)

í tā-vá

i ta-va

1SG walk-PROG

‘I am walking’

vāpè tā-vá sī sā sō-tē

Vapü ta-va si sa sü-te

Once again walk-PROG say again-IMP

‘Say ta-va again’

62. [mētē] (suck)

í mētē-vá

i metü-va

1SG run-PROG

‘I am sucking’

vāpə mētē-vá sī sā sē-tē

Vapü metü-va si sa sü-te

Once again suck-PROG say again-IMP

‘Say metü-va again’

Mē- (causative)**63. [trā] (drink)**

dʒé mē-trā-sé-tē

jü me-tra-sü-te

water CAUS-drink-PRT-IMP

‘make (them/him/her) drink water’

vāpè mē-trā sī sā sé-tē

Vapü me-tra si sa sü-te

Once again CAUS-drink say again-IMP

‘Say me-tra again’

64. [tá] (run)

tīvī mē-tá-sé-tē

TV me-ta-sü-te

water CAUS-run-PRT-IMP

‘make TV run’ (turn on the television)

vāpè mē-tá sī sā sé-tē

Vapü me-ta si sasü-te

Once again CAUS-run say again-IMP

‘Say me-ta again’

65. [tì] (eat)

lēvā mē-tì-sé-tē

luva me-ti-sü-te

food CAUS-eat-PRT-IMP

‘make (them/him/her) eat food’

vāpè mē-tì sī sā' sō-tē

Vapü me-ti si sasü-te

Once again CAUS-eat say again-IMP

‘Say me-ti again’

66. [t^hà] (stand)

pē mē-t^hà-só-tē

pü me-tha-sü-te

take CAUS-stand-PRT-IMP

‘make (it) stand’

vāpè mē-t^hà sī sā'sō-tē

Vapü me-tha si sasü-te

Once again CAUS-stand say again-IMP

‘Say me-tha again’

67. [bá] (sit)

pē mē-bá-só-tē

pü me-ba-sü-te

take CAUS-sit-PRT-IMP

‘make (it) sit’

vāpə mē-bá sī sā sē-tē

Vapü me-ba si sasü-te

Once again CAUS-sit say again-IMP

‘Say me-ba again’

Thē- [nominalizer]**68. [bá] (sit)**

nó t^hē-bā-lū bá-tē

no the-ba-lu ba-te

2SG NOM-sit-LOCsit-IMP

‘you sit on the seat’

vāpə t^hē-bā sī sā sō-tē

Vapü the-ba si sasü-te

Once again NOM-sit say again-IMP

‘Say theba again’

69. [bé] (to defecate)

nó t^hē-bō ēdə-té

no the-bü edü-te

2SG NOM-defecate step-PRF

‘you step on feces’

vāpə t^hē-bō sī sāsō-tē

Vapü thebü si sasü-te

Once again NOM-defecate say again-IMP

‘Say thebü again’

70. [dʒɔ̄] (bless)

ú-kɔ̄ tʰɛ-dʒɔ̄ tʃʰɔ̄-tɔ̄-hɔ̄
 u-ko the-jo cho-to-ho
 1-PL NOM-bless ask-FUT-FUT.IMP

‘We shall ask blessing’

vāpə tʰɛ-dʒɔ̄ sī sāsɔ̄-tɛ̄
 Vapü the-jo si sasü-te
 Once again NOM-bless say again-IMP

‘Say thejo again’

71. [fɔ̄] (respect)

ú-kɔ̄ mətə tʰɛ-fɔ̄ kʰà ú-kəmətʰā-ɔ̄ tsə̄ məʃ̄ē
 u-ko müütü the-rho kha u-kumutha-o tsu moshǖ
 1-PL all NOM-respect with 1-teacher-DEF give must

‘we must pay respect to our teacher’

vāpə tʰɛ-fɔ̄ sī sā sə̄-tɛ̄
 Vapü the-rho si sasü-te
 Once again NOM-respect say again-IMP

‘Say therho again’

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