Control in Sauria Paharia

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Sauria Paharia (mjt), Dravidian
also known as Malto, Malti, Maltu, Maler, Sawriya Malto, Malatr
spoken in India (Asia)

1 Grammar Profile

1.1 Morpho-Syntax

1.1.1 Head position
head-final (post-nominal quantifiers, PPs, APs)

1.1.2 Morphological type
agglutinating

1.1.3 Case system
nom/acc: case suffixed onto NPs: Nominative: masc. {-h} fem. {C-. / V-Ø} Accusative: {-ki}
Genitive: {-n / -en} Dative: {-k / -ik} Instrumental: {-t / -et} Ablative: {-nte / -ente} Locative: {-no / -eno}

1.1.4 Verbal Agreement
there is person agreement on verbs; it is unclear, however, if agreement is restricted to subject agreement.

1.1.5 Null Arguments
subjectless clauses are permitted

1.2 Matrix Clause

1.2.1 Basic word order
SOV, OVS
1.2.2  Alternate word orders
SVO in attributive phrases

1.2.3  Ordering of nominal and pronominal arguments
SO, same as nominal arguments

1.3  Embedded Clause

1.3.1  Basic word order
appears to be verb final

1.3.2  Verbal agreement
no agreement

1.3.3  Possible morphological categories of the embedded clause
infinitives: -oti;  gerundial: -e (ex: {tund} ‘pour’: tunde ‘pouring’) -po (tunpo ‘have to pour’);
participles:  adjective: -u (pres.) / -pe (past) conditional: -ke / -ki (Participles and infinitives can be
doubled to indicate the habitual)

2  Control Profile

2.1  forward subject control into infinitival complement

2.1.1  Example structure
(1) ante puju pit-oti ek-y-ah
   then bird kill-inf go-past-3sgm
   ‘Then (he) went to kill birds.’

(2) a maqe-h cama: pa:r-oti la:ga:r-y-ah
   that boy-nom song sing-inf start-past-3sgm
   ‘That boy started to sing.’

conditional clause
(3) din-ond kir  takar-ke ante puja  pit-oti ek-y-ah
   day-one by hunger weary-cond then bird kill-inf go-past-3sgm
   ‘One day being tired of hunger he went to kill a bird.’

2.1.2  Predicates participating in the construction
aspectual verb:  ek ‘go’la:ga:r ‘start’

References

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