Oblique Object Word Order

The order in a clause between a lexical object and an oblique phrase was investigated. The latter is a noun phrase or an adverbial phrase that functions as an adverbial modifier of the verb. The order object preceded by an oblique phrase is attested for Gawri, as seen in (1).

1. Gawri [gwc] (Indo-Aryan)

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| po-wa | baʈ | da | dareːʈ | pʰoʈeːg |  |
| boy-erg | stone | ins | window | break.pst.f |  |
|  | OBL |  | OBJ |  |  |
| ‘The boy broke the window with a stone.’ (GWC-Val-MZ:025) | | | | | |

This order is present in a majority of the sample, either as the only option or as an alternative to the reverse order. It is mainly absent in the northwestern part of the region.

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| Feature value | # of varieties displaying it | % |
| Present | 47 | 80 |
| Absent | 12 | 20 |
| Indeterminate | 0 | 0 |