

This feature is found in the speech behaviour of most of the young and some of the middle age group speakers belonging to the three major social groups. If the age difference is vast between the brothers, then the younger brother uses ni:nka 'you - pl.' to address the elder brother. The high income group landlords belonging to the old age group address their elder brothers using the pronoun ni:nka 'you - pl.' whereas the same age group agriculture labourers address their elder brothers using the pronoun ni: - 'you - sg.'. The former pronoun exhibits the honour given to the addressee, whereas the latter one shows the intimacy features.

4.4.4 Wife

Wives are addressed by their husbands as ni: 'you - sg.' irrespective of the social parameters.

4.4.5 Husband

Husbands are addressed as ni:nka 'you - pl.' by their wives. This is found in the speech behaviour of the wives of high and middle income groups.

Thus the wives use deferential pronoun to refer to their husbands, and receive non-deferential pronoun from their counter-parts.