

This pronoun is not an intimacy pronoun as it is not reciprocated by their husbands. This usage, therefore, may be taken as an indication of the male dominance over the female.

However, some of the wives belonging to the backward and scheduled communities address their husbands by using the non-honorific pronoun ni: 'you - sg.'. This may be due to the poor socio-economic and literacy status of the husbands.

4.4.6 Grand Parents

The choice of address terms used to address the grand parents roughly corresponds with that of the parents. The informants who address their fathers using the pronoun ni:nka 'you - pl.' use the same pronoun to their grand fathers and use ni: 'you - sg.' if it is used in case of addressing their fathers. A similar situation is attested in the case of addressing their grand mothers also. The informants who address their mothers using the pronoun ni:nka 'you - pl.' use the same pronoun to their grand mothers and use ni: 'you - sg.' if it is used in the case of addressing their mothers.

4.4.7 Paternal Relatives

Paternal relatives are persons who are born or bloodly related with father. Thus father's brothers and sisters are