

5.4.1 Kin Network Level5.4.1.1 Father5.4.1.1.1 Forward Communities

In the forward communities, while referring to father, the honorific pronominal termination -a:nka/-a:r is used.

appa: ko:yilukkup po:yirukka:r

'father has gone to the temple'

appa: ko:yilukkup po:yirukka:nka

'father has gone to the temple'

The pronominal suffix -a:r is used to refer to father or the other third person with respect. However, the pronominal suffix -a:nka is used in some cases to show higher degree of respect to the referent.

5.4.1.1.2 Backward Communities

In the backward communities, while referring to the father, pronominal terminations such as -a:nka, -a:r, -a/-cca/-um are used.

The school and college educated middle and high income group informants belonging to all age groups refer to their