

father or other third persons by using the pronominal terminations -a:r or -a:nka.

The primary educated low income group informants use the pronominal suffix -u/-um/-ccu the choice of which is determined by the tense and aspectual differences.

appa: to:ttattukku po:yirukku

'father has gone to the farm'

appa: to:ttattukku po:yirukkum

'father would have gone to the farm'

appa: to:ttattukku po:yiruccu

'father has gone to the farm'

In the above cited examples, one may find the variations in the use of pronominal terminations. The educated, middle and high income groups use -a:r and -a:nka suffixes to denote respect whereas the low income, primary educated informants use -u suffix to show respect to father.

5.4.1.1.3 Scheduled Communities

In the scheduled communities the following pronominal terminations are used to refer to father. They are -a:r, -nka,