

-ccu and -u. The high and middle income, college and school educated informants use pronominal terminations -a:r and -a:nka whereas the primary school educated, low income group informants use the pronominal terminations -ccu and -u while referring to father.

5.4.1.2 Mother

5.4.1.2.1 Forward Communities

The pronominal terminations used while referring to mother is either -a: or -a:nka. The old age group informants of the Brahmin community use -a: while referring to mother. Other forward community informants use -a:nka while referring to mother.

amma: ko:ilukkup po:yirukka:

'mother has gone to the temple'

amma: ko:ilukkup po:yirukka:nka

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This shows that the younger generation informants of the Brahmin community do not want to use the brahminical feature in their speech behaviour. It also shows that they are slowly accepting the popular/common usage found in Tamil.