

However, among the educated informants, the pronominal terminations -a:r and -a:nka are used when the age difference between the brothers is more than about five.

5.4.1.4 Husband

5.4.1.4.1 Forward Communities

Husband is referred to as avar and avunka in the forward communities. The pronominal terminations used to refer to the husbands are -a:r and -a:nka. The pronominal termination -a:nka is used in the sense of extensive honorific reference to the husbands by wives.

5.4.1.4.2 Backward Communities

In the backward communities, husbands are referred to as avaru and avunka. The pronominal terminations used for them are -a:r and -a:nka respectively.

However, low income group, primary educated or illiterate agricultural labourers or service caste husbands are referred to by their wives as atu and the pronominal terminations used to them are -um, -ccu and -u. Here, the Pronominal terminations -ccu or -kku, -um and -u are used in the sense of moderate honour.