5.4.1.4.3 Scheduled Communities

In the scheduled communities, husbands are referred to as avaru, avunka and atu. The pronominal terminations used for them are -a:r, -a:nka and -ccu/-u/-um.

The school and college educated informants use the pronouns avar and avunka and use the pronominal terminations -a:r and -a:nka to their husbands. The primary educated or illiterate informants who are engaged in agriculture and other works use -ccu/-u/-um.

5.4.1.5 Wife

5.4.1.5.1 Forward Communities

Wife is referred to by the terms ava: and avunka in forward communities. The pronominal terminations used while referring to them are -a: and -a:nka.

Among the Brahmins, in formal situations, while referring to the wife the honorific suffix -a:nka is used. In informal situations i.e., while speaking with the same caste relatives the pronoun ava: and the termination -a: is used. The non Brahmin