

6.4.2 Backward Communities

In the backward communities father is addressed as anna: and appa:. The term anna: 'elder brother' is used to address father invariably by all castes belonging to backward community, in the middle and old age group except one informant.

A middle aged informant of the Mudaliyar caste having collegiate education addresses his father as appa:.

The informants of younger generation, cutting across all sections of social groups address father as appa:. This reflects the social change taking place in the recent times, i.e., the younger generation informants have had at least school education and there by they have acquired the standard terms, as a result of which they have switched to the use of the term appa: to refer to father instead of the term anna:. Thus a deviant linguistic behaviour attested in the middle and old age group informants has undergone a change and this reflects the social change taking place among the young age group informants.