

In the forward communities, mother's younger sister is addressed as citti in all the groups (irrespective of age, education and economic status) except the middle age group which uses the term cinamma:. The backward and scheduled communities show marked variations.

6.8.2 Backward Communities

The marked variations found in the backward communities is due to the age factor. The primary and middle educated old age group individuals address their mother's younger sister as cinna:ya: 'younger mother'. Except the college educated middle age group, the remaining categories address their mother's younger sister as cinamma:.

The younger generation and college educated middle age group informants address their aunts as citti in which, the term amma: 'mother' is missing. The use of the term citti to refer to aunts depends upon the age of the person who is referred to. If the addressee belongs to young age group, then the word citti is used, otherwise the word cinamma: is used.