5.4.1 Kin Network Level

5.4.1.1 Father

5.4.1.1.1 Forward Communities

In the forward communities, while referring to father, the honorific pronominal termination -aːinka/-aːr is used.

appa: koːyilukkup poːyirkkaːr

'father has gone to the temple'

appa: koːyilukkup poːyirkkaːnka

'father has gone to the temple'

The pronominal suffix -aːr is used to refer to father or the other third person with respect. However, the pronominal suffix -aːinka is used in some cases to show higher degree of respect to the referent.

5.4.1.1.2 Backward Communities

In the backward communities, while referring to the father, pronominal terminations such as -aːinka, -aːr, -u/-ccu/-um are used.

The school and college educated middle and high income group informants belonging to all age groups refer to their