

Words referring to mother's mother and mother's father have no variation in the forward community whereas we do find significant variations in the other two communities. Individuals of both backward and scheduled communities use the word amma:yi to refer to mother's mother and the word appucci to refer to mother's father. Thus we find that the variations in the backward and scheduled communities show some similarities. This speaks about the social proximity between these groups and the social distance they have with the individuals of the forward communities.