

**FAMILY PLANNING AND UNDERSTANDING
FERTILITY BEHAVIOUR AMONG BANJARA TRIBE OF
KARNATAKA**

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Introduction:

The study on family planning helps us with useful clues for understanding the fertility behaviour of the couples. It will also provide us with some insight into the cost-benefit considerations of parents, both are the conscious and sub-conscious levels for desiring many or few children. This study among Banjaras will help in bridging the gaps in the accumulated knowledge on the subject. However it is surprising that conspicuously less attention has been paid to factors which motivate people for preparing or rejecting different family planning methods. The significance of such information is more important because resistance to family planning in India is due to the unavailability of a method which is acceptable to all. Despite the fear that the Banjaras have about vasectomy and tubectomy operations, a large number of couples among this community get sterilized every year. Similarly the users of oral contraceptives, it would be of interest to find out shy people accept one or the other method. Such investigation may provide some information about different factors associated with the family planning.

Family planning practices are influenced by high fertility. Early age of marriage and low level of family planning is responsible for the fertility. Therefore the study of Family Planning

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practices is important to study; keeping this point in mind the following tables have been devoted.

Methodology

The filed work and data collection were conducted in four stages that is pilot survey, tool testing survey extensive and intensive many surveys in two stage. All together for period of eleven months during holidays of my college were spent in the filed between June 2009 to May 2012. The Banjara house holds spreading over 7 Talukas of Bellary District have been covered for data collection. Filed methods like schedule, Genealogy interview, Case study and secondary sources were also collected the total sample has comprised households

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Table -1 a
Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Bellary Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	34	55	89	46	41	43
2	Space Child to Child	12	44	56	16	33	27
3	Family planning operation	28	35	63	38	26	30
	Total	74	134	208	100	100	100

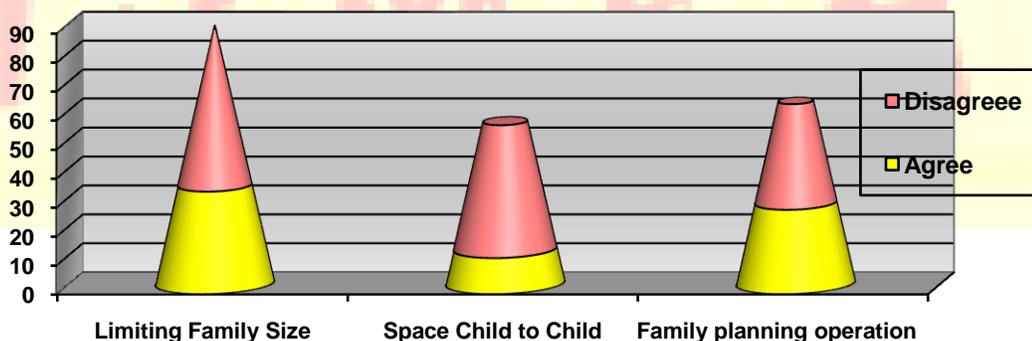
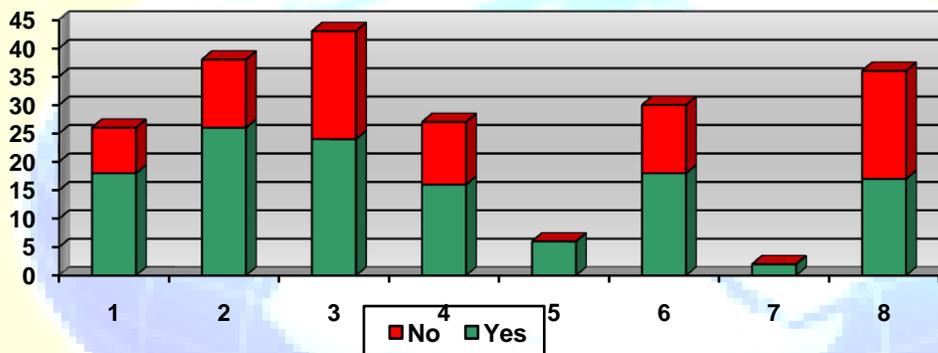


Table -1b
Causes for not adopting

Sl.	Causes	Females	Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
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No		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	18	8	26	14	10	13
2	Want of male child	26	12	38	20	15	18
3	Fearness	24	19	43	19	23	21
4	Carelessness	16	11	27	13	14	13
5	We had no child	6	-	6	5	-	3
6	Health problem	18	12	30	14	15	14
7	Widow/Divorce	2	-	2	2	-	1
8	No Knowledge	17	19	36	13	23	17
	Total	127	81	208	100	100	100



Out of 208 Banjara women, 34 women agree and 55 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 28 agreed and 35 disagreed for family planning operation, and 12 agreed and 44 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -1b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Bellary taluk is as follows 24 women agree and 19 disagree for the reason fearness, 26 agree and 12 disagree for want of male child, 18 agree and 12 disagree for health problem, 16 agree and 11 disagree for carelessness, 18 agree and 8 disagree for only one child, 6 women agree and nill number disagree for we had no child, 2 women agree and nill number disagree for widow/diverse and 17 agree and 19 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the fearness number is more, the reason of want of male child is also more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -2 a

Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Hospet Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	53	55	108	39	37	38
2	Space Child to Child	32	33	65	24	23	23
3	Family planning operation	51	59	110	37	40	39
	Total	136	147	283	100	100	100

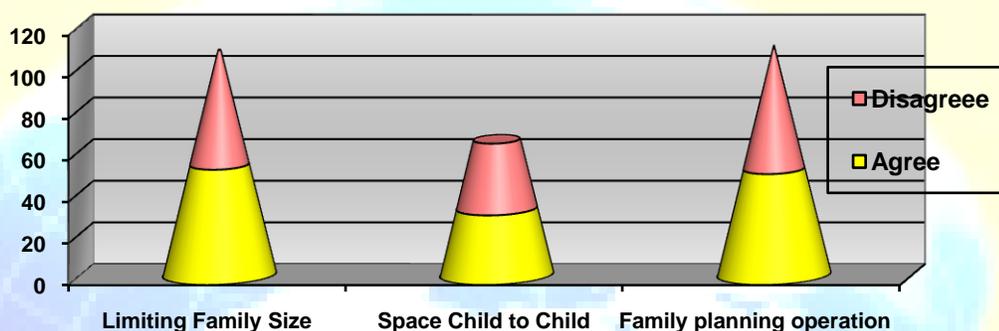
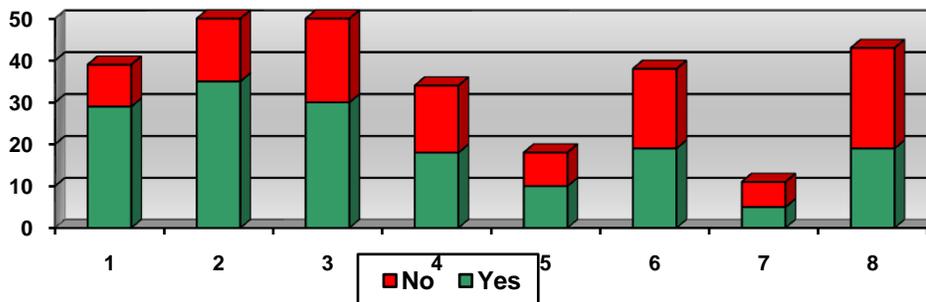


Table -2 b

Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	29	10	39	17	9	14
2	Want of male child	35	15	50	21	13	18
3	Fearness	30	20	50	18	17	18
4	Carelessness	18	16	34	11	14	12
5	We had no child	10	8	18	6	6	6
6	Health problem	19	19	38	12	16	13
7	Widow/Divorce	5	6	11	3	5	4
8	No Knowledge	19	24	43	12	20	15
	Total	165	118	283	100	100	100



Out of 283 Banjara women, 53 women agree and 55 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 51 agreed and 59 disagreed for family planning operation, and 32 agreed and 33 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -2b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Hospet taluk is as follows 30 women agree and 20 disagree for the reason fearness, 35 agree and 15 disagree for want of male child, 19 agree and 19 disagree for health problem, 18 agree and 16 disagree for carelessness, 29 agree and 10 disagree for only one child, 10 women agree and 8 disagree for we had no child, 5 women agree and 6 disagree for widow/diverse and 19 agree and 24 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the fearness number is more, the reason of want of male child is also more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -3 a

Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Siruguppa Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	11	13	24	52	46	49
2	Space Child to Child	4	6	10	19	22	20
3	Family planning operation	6	9	15	29	32	31
	Total	21	28	49	100	100	100

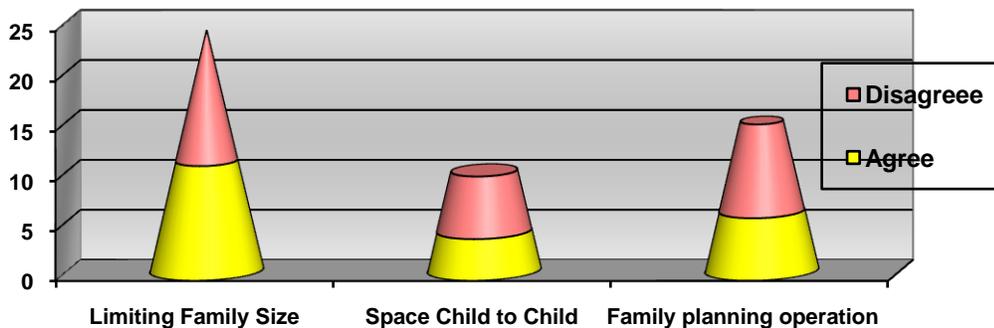
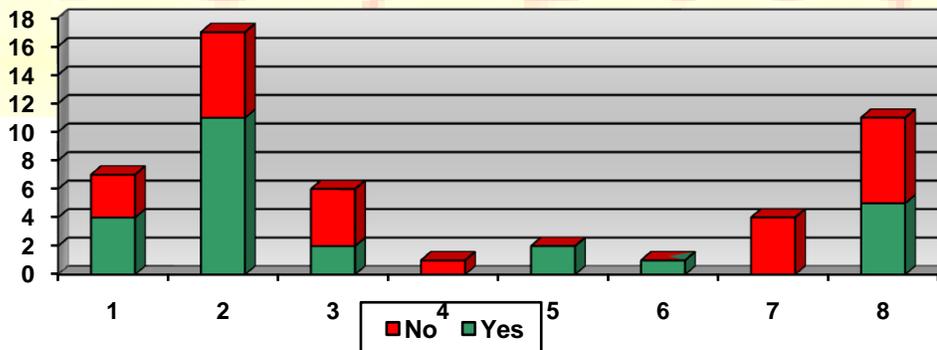


Table -3 b
Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	4	3	7	16	12	14
2	Want of male child	11	6	17	44	25	35
3	Fearness	2	4	6	8	17	12
4	Carelessness	-	1	1	-	4	2
5	We had no child	2	-	2	8	-	4
6	Health problem	1	-	1	4	-	2
7	Widow/Divorce	-	4	4	-	17	8
8	No Knowledge	5	6	11	20	25	23
	Total	25	24	49	100	100	100



Out of 49 Banjara women, 11 women agree and 13 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 6 agreed

and 9 disagreed for family planning operation, and 4 agreed and 6 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -3b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Siruguppa taluk is as follows 2 women agree and 4 disagree for the reason fearness, 11 agree and 6 disagree for want of male child, 1 agree and nill number disagree for health problem, nill number agree and 1 disagree for carelessness, 4 agree and 3 disagree for only one child, 2 women agree and nill number disagree for we had no child, nill number women agree and 4 disagree for widow/diverse and 5 agree and 6 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the reason of want of male child is more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -4a
Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Sandur Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	21	25	46	51	46	28
2	Space Child to Child	9	14	23	22	25	24
3	Family planning operation	11	16	27	27	29	28
	Total	41	55	96	100	100	100

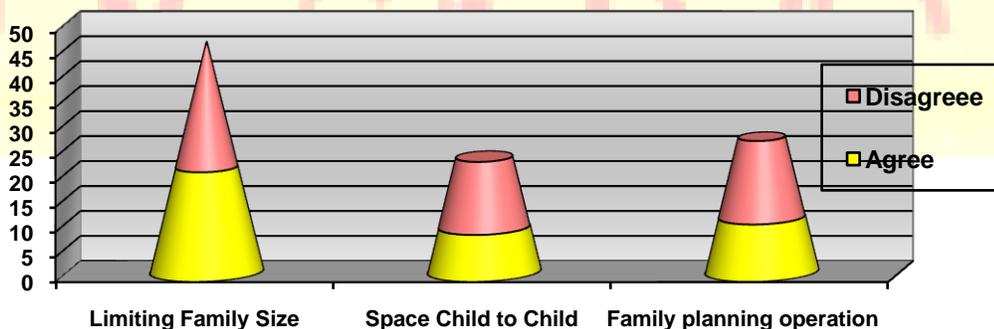
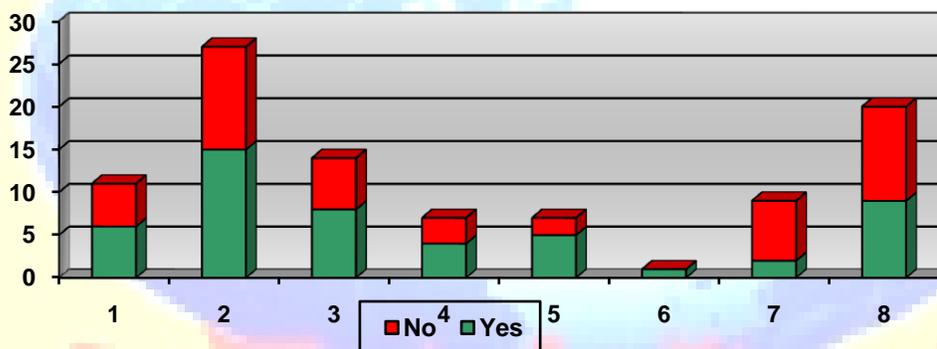


Table -4 b
Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	6	5	11	12	11	12
2	Want of male child	15	12	27	30	26	28
3	Fearness	8	6	14	16	13	15
4	Carelessness	4	3	7	8	7	7
5	We had no child	5	2	7	10	4	7
6	Health problem	1	-	1	2	-	1
7	Widow/Divorce	2	7	9	4	15	9
8	No Knowledge	9	11	20	18	24	21
	Total	50	46	96	100	100	100



Out of 96 Banjara women, 21 women agree and 25 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 11 agreed and 16 disagreed for family planning operation, and 9 agreed and 14 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -4b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Sandur taluk is as follows 8 women agree and 6 disagree for the reason fearness, 15 agree and 12 disagree for want of male child, 1 agree and nill number disagree for health problem, 4 agree and 3 disagree for carelessness, 6 agree and 5 disagree for only one child, 5 women agree and 2 disagree for we had no child, 2 women agree and 7 disagree for widow/diverse and 9 agree and

11 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the fearness number is little more, the reason of want of male child is more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -5 a

Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Hagaribommanahalli Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	14	12	26	74	60	67
2	Space Child to Child	-	2	2	-	10	5
3	Family planning operation	2	6	11	26	30	28
	Total	19	20	39	100	100	100

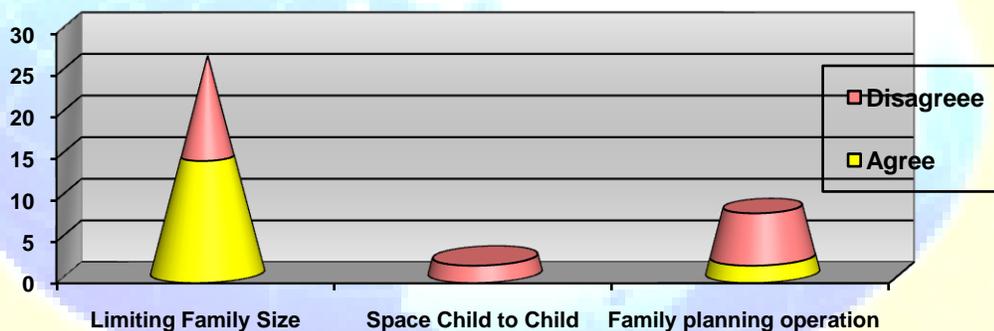
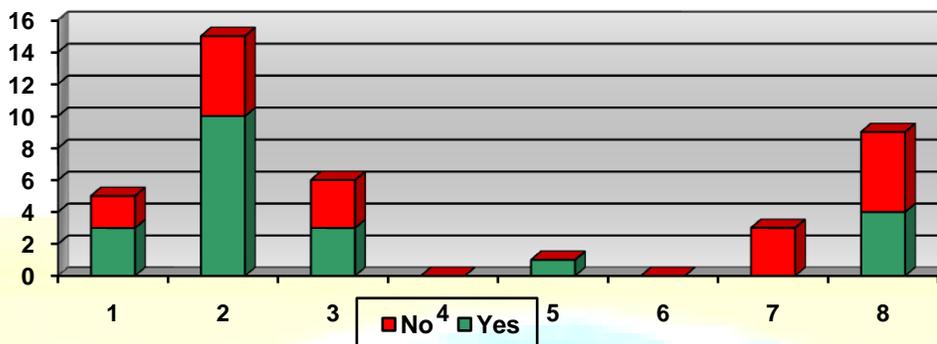


Table -5 b

Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	3	2	5	14	11	13
2	Want of male child	10	5	15	48	28	38
3	Fearness	3	3	6	14	16	15
4	Carelessness	-	-	0	-	-	-
5	We had no child	1	-	1	5	-	3
6	Health problem	-	-	0	-	-	-
7	Widow/Divorce	-	3	3	-	17	8

8	No Knowledge	4	5	9	19	28	23
	Total	21	18	39	100	100	100



Out of 39 Banjara women, 14 women agree and 12 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 5 agreed and 6 disagreed for family planning operation, and nill number agreed and 2 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -5b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Hagaribommanahalli taluk is as follows 3 women agree and 3 disagree for the reason fearness, 10 agree and 5 disagree for want of male child, nill number agree and 3 disagree for health problem, nill number agree and disagree for carelessness, 3 agree and 2 disagree for only one child, 1 women agree and nill number disagree for we had no child, nill number women agree and 3 disagree for widow/diverse and 4 agree and 5 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the reason of want of male child is more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -6a

Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Kudaligi Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	39	26	65	57	29	48
2	Space Child to Child	12	16	28	17	24	21
3	Family planning	18	24	42	26	37	31

operation							
Total	69	66	135	100	100	100	

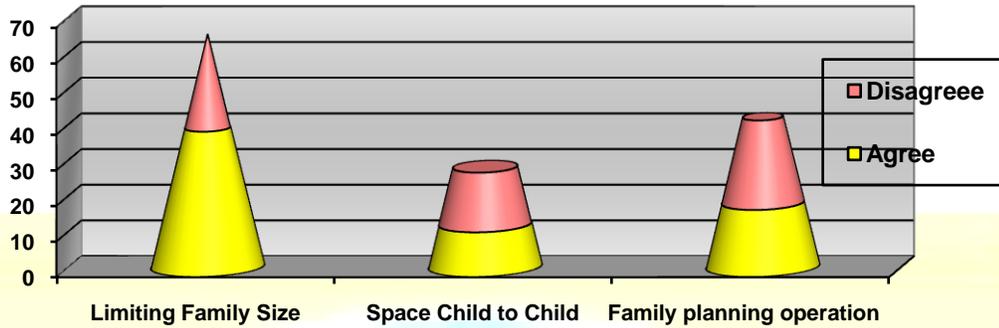
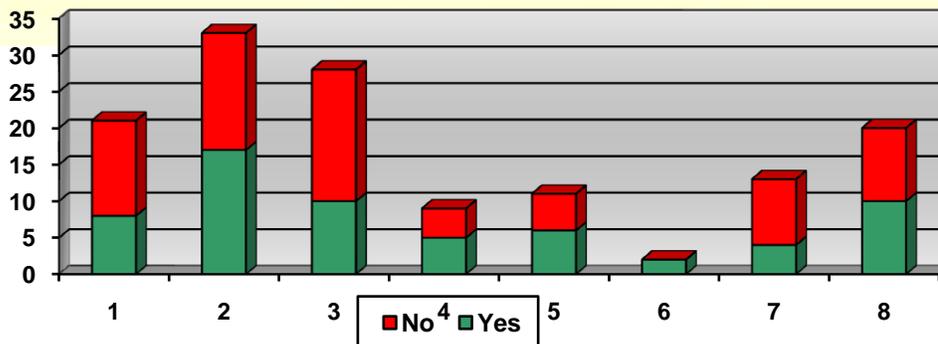


Table -6 b
Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	8	13	21	13	17	15
2	Want of male child	17	16	33	27	21	24
3	Fearness	10	18	28	16	24	21
4	Carelessness	5	4	9	8	5	7
5	We had no child	6	5	11	10	7	8
6	Health problem	2	-	2	3	-	1
7	Widow/Divorce	4	9	13	7	12	9
8	No Knowledge	10	10	20	16	14	15
	Total	62	75	137	100	100	100



Out of 135 Banjara women, 39 women agree and 26 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 18 agreed and 24 disagreed for family planning operation, and 12 agreed and 16 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -6b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Kudaligi taluk is as follows 10 women agree and 18 disagree for the reason fearness, 17 agree and 16 disagree for want of male child, 2 agree and nill number disagree for health problem, 5 agree and 4 disagree for carelessness, 8 agree and 13 disagree for only one child, 6 women agree and 5 disagree for we had no child, 4 women agree and 9 disagree for widow/diverse and 10 agree and 10 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the fearness number is little more, the reason of want of male child is more among them for not adapting family planning.

Table -7a

Causes for adopting Family Planning by the Hadagali Taluk Banjaras

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Agree %	Disagree %	Total %
		Agree	Disagree				
1	Limiting Family Size	32	28	60	54	42	48
2	Space Child to Child	11	14	25	19	21	20
3	Family planning operation	16	25	41	27	37	32
	Total	59	67	126	100	100	100

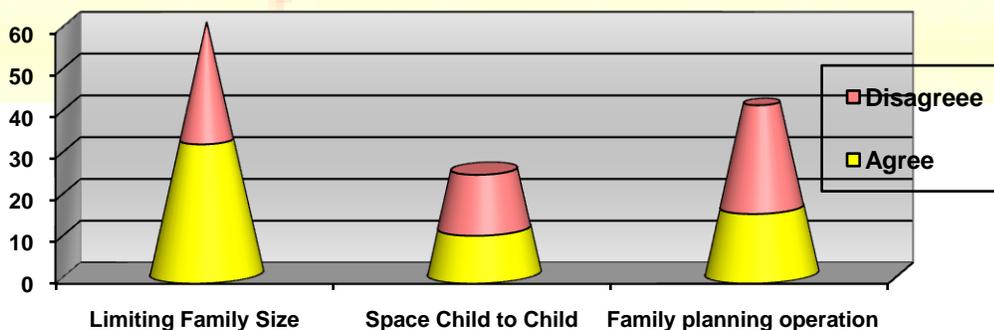
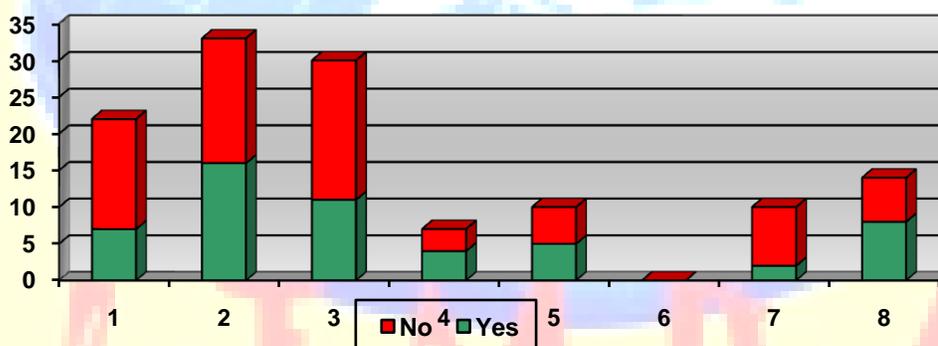


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Causes for not adopting

Sl. No	Causes	Females		Total	Yes %	No %	Total%
		Yes	No				
1	Only one Child	7	15	22	13	21	17
2	Want of male child	16	17	33	30	23	26
3	Fearness	11	19	30	20	26	24
4	Carelessness	4	3	7	8	4	6
5	We had no child	5	5	10	10	7	8
6	Health problem	-	-	0	-	-	-
7	Widow/Divorce	2	8	10	4	11	8
8	No Knowledge	8	6	14	15	8	11
	Total	53	73	126	100	100	100



Out of 126 Banjara women, 32 women agree and 28 women disagreed, for limiting family size, 16 agreed and 25 disagreed for family planning operation, and 11 agreed and 14 disagreed for space between child to child. Above data shows that majority of them agree and disagree for the reason limiting family size where as the other hand the reason of family planning operation agreed and disagreed percent is also considerable compare to that of the reason on space between child to child.

The table -7b for not adapting the reasons for family planning among Banjaras women of Hadagali taluk is as follows 11 women agree and 19 disagree for the reason fearness, 16 agree and 17 disagree for want of male child, nill number agree and nill number disagree for health

problem, 4 agree and 3 disagree for carelessness, 7 agree and 15 disagree for only one child, 5 women agree and 5 disagree for we had no child, 2 women agree and 8 disagree for widow/diverse and 8 agree and 6 disagree for no knowledge. The data reveals the fact that though the fearness number is little more, the reason of want of male child is more among them for not adapting family planning.

Conclusion

Among Banjaras of Bellary district with regards to causes for adapting and not adapting family planning is concerned gives clear understanding that limiting family size and only to have one child, want of male child and fearness of Banjaras percentage is more the desire to have male baby percent is also equally more and it is opinion of the respondents that they need male child to protect them at their old age.

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