Impact of Age at Marriage and Effective Martial Period on Natural Fertility: A Case Study on The Paschatya Vaidik Brahman Women of West Bengal

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Abstract: The present paper attempts to examine the relationship between age at marriage, effective marital period and fertility in a sample of 194 ever married post menopausal women of Paschatya Vaidik Brahman of Bhatpara, Naihati, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal. The data show that the age at marriage is inversely related to fertility and the effective marital period is positively correlated with fertility. These and in the light of several findings in India and other parts of the world are discussed.