Illness and Treatment among Khonds of Visakhapatnam District, Andhra Pradesh


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ABSTRACT 2657 Khond subjects drawn randomly from 18 villages of Chintapalli, G. Madugula and Pedabayalu mandals of Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh (during April - October 2004) were examined for the frequency of respiratory, air born, infective and waterborne diseases, injuries and accidents and poisoning due to animal bites. The frequency of scabies, malaria, cholera, diarrhea and vomiting is observed to be higher when compared to other diseases. Majority of the subjects were observed to show preference towards the use of indigenous method of treatment when compared to modern method of treatment. The data collected on the epidemiological status among Khonds will help to suggest suitable programmes and strategies for improvement of the health status of this vulnerable group.