

## **Estimates of Fertility and Mortality in Kutia Kondhs of Phulbani District, Orissa**

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**ABSTRACT** Demographic analysis of genealogical data, on 212 households of Kutia Kondhs - a primitive tribal group - from Tumudibandh of Balliguda sub-division of phulbani district, Orissa, is conducted employing indirect estimation techniques. The results of the study indicate that the total fertility rate of Kutia Kondhs is higher than Indian population which is in accordance with high tribal fertility levels as reported in some studies from India. The Kutia Kondhs features distressing mortality conditions as compared to Indian national population. Reversed sexual mortality differentials with females experiencing harsher mortality are also present for Kutia Kondhs. The trends are discussed in the light of prevailing socio-economic, cultural and health care practices among this tribal group.