

Natural Selection Intensity among Kapu Caste Population of Coastal Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT The selection intensity indices were computed based on the demographic information pertaining to fertility and mortality among the Kapu, an endogamous caste population of Andhra Pradesh. The indices were computed by original formula of Crow and modified formula of Johnston and Kensinger. The total fertility and mortality indices are slightly higher than other Andhra populations studied earlier. In the present population, the selection is manifested mainly through differential fertility rather than mortality, which is a deviation from general trend.