

Male ego's sister's son

The lexical variants presented in the note below are arranged according to their frequency of occurrence in the survey data-from most frequent to least frequent.

Respondents in the 'Survey of Dialects of the Marathi Language' reported the words *b^haca*, *jawai*, *b^hañja*, and *b^hətija* to refer to the concept of 'male ego's sisters' son.' Further, several other words were also sporadically observed for this relation. They are discussed in detail below.

The word *b^haca* has been reported primarily throughout Maharashtra for the concept of male ego's sister's son. *b^haca*, *b^hacca*, *b^haco*, *b^hasa*, *baca*, *b^hačya*, *b^hače*, *b^hassa*, *b^hacos*, *b^hase*, *b^hacas*, *b^haša*, *b^hasra*, *b^hawsa*, *b^haso*, etc. phonetic variants were noted for this word.

Even for the relation of male ego's sister's son, the word *b^hañja* is used. It was primarily noted in the Muslim community of Sindhudurg, Ratnagiri, and Raigad districts and rarely in the other communities of Raigad district.

The word *jawai* was reported in Ahmednagar, Solapur, Nashik, and Nandurbar districts. Similarly, it was also recorded in the Kokna community of Palghar district. Phonetic variations of this word include *jawai*, *jaway*, *jəway*, *juyas*, *jawas*, *b^hasjawai*, etc.

The word *b^hətija* was reported for (male ego's) sister's son. It was attested in the Muslim community of Ratnagiri and Raigad districts; in the Dawar and Dubla communities of Palghar district; in the Powar community of Gondia district, and in the Balai community of Amravati district. The phonetic variations of this word include *b^hətija*, *b^hətreja*, *b^hətirjo*, *b^hətarja*, etc.

natu was reported in the Koli community of Nashik district.

For this relation, the word *pañjo* was documented in the Bhil community of Nandurbar district. *pañja*, *pañjo*, etc. were noted as its phonetic variants.

The word *sagrahya* was recorded in the Dhargar community of Solapur district.

b^hasunḍa was reported in Thane district while the word *ḍawis* was reported in the Kokna community of Nashik district.

Other than this, the use of *bəhiṇica mulga*, *bəhiṇiči mulə*, *bəhiṇica lyok*, *bəhiṇica porya*, *bəhnoyi poha*, *bəhiṇica porga*, *bəhiṇica lek*, etc. was also attested to refer to the relation of male ego's sister's son.

