

Factors Influencing the Place of Delivery and Timing of Pregnancy in Rural Karnataka

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Abstract : The study aimed at assessing the factors leading to home deliveries in Karnataka to assess its factors. Having a delivery at home would not involve any preparation or expenditure and it took place with whatever minimum resources (both men and material) available at their disposal. Poor conditions of labour rooms in PHCs and non-availability of female health assistants at the time of emergency supported the idea of having home delivery. Except the families with sound economic background all others generally preferred home deliveries. In addition to sound economic background, good education and exposure to outside world were needed to strengthen the inclination for institutional deliveries.