

Index of Opportunity for Natural Selection among the Sayed Muslim of Assam

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ABSTRACT Selection potential based on differential fertility and mortality computed for Sayed Muslims of Assam is reported. The relative contribution of fertility component to the index of total selection is higher than the corresponding mortality component. The present data have been compared with available previous study on various Muslim populations of India. The index in Sayeds is of lower intensity than most of the Indian Muslim populations. In the latter, mortality component also exceeds fertility component.