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Socio-cultural Determinants of Fertility: The Baigas of Baigachak

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ABSTRACT This paper outlines the fertility and its determinants among the Baiga tribe which is one of the most primitive, aboriginal tribal groups of central India. The fertility level in the tribe is high. Mean number of children born to an eligible couple is 3.39 births. Type of household, annual household income, couple literacy are found to be associated variables. Mean age at first birth is also low, giving a long reproductive period.