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A Considerable proportion (14.1) of participants could not name at least a single method of contraception. The most important factor regarding the contraception knowledge is the visit by the PHM. Responders were more knowledgeable about modern methods than traditional methods. The type of the local government where the respondent is living, level of education and the monthly family income were associated with the knowledge on contraceptives. Tamil and Moor ethnicity and Hindu and Islam religion were associated with the poor knowledge on contraception. Hospitals and private dispensaries are underutilized for provision of knowledge regarding contraceptives and this has to be improved.