Kei, Stata IC only allows for 2,048 variables max. To work around this issue, you can do one of a number of different things:

1.) Pull only the variables you need - If you already know the variable names you need, then specify it when you call the dataset in your do file, i.e.

use v012 v201 v025 using "c:\user-rhs\datasets\countryx.dta",clear

2.) If you don't feel like sifting through the FRQ file for the variables you need, or if you are not sure which ones you need, you can pull batches of the variables at a time using the wildcard (*) and remove the variables where all obs'ns have a missing value, save as separate datasets, then merge all of them together by caseid. Often, this will result in a dataset that is <2000 vbls, i.e.

*pull vbls that begin with V and S

use caseid v* s* using "c:\user-rhs\datasets\countryx.dta",clear

findname,all(missing(@)) /*running this command will spit out a list of vbls where all obsns have missing value,
you can then drop these variables safely from your dataset */

/* copy and paste the variables that were listed as a result of the -findname- command above, use /// at the end of each line to tell stata that the list of vbls to remove goes beyond that line. Make sure there is a space b/w vbl name and ///, i.e. do v120 ///, don't do v120/// */

/*EXAMPLE*/ drop v017   v305_18 v3a00l   v453   v469i   v470xy   v759c   v762bp   v770f   s215c_19 ///
v040   v307_18 v3a00m   v454   v469j   v470xz   v759d   v762bq   v770g   s215m_20 ///
v122   v305_19 v3a00n   v455   v469k   v630j   v759e   v762br   v770h   s215y_20 ///
v128   v307_19 v3a00o   v456   v469m   v630k   v759f   v762bs   v770i   s215c_20 ///
v156   v305_20 v3a00p   v457   v469n   v630l   v759g   v762bt   v771   s406a_2

sort caseid

*save the modified data
save countryx_vsonly.dta

*pull vbls that begin with M
use caseid m* b* using "c:\user-rhs\datasets\countryx.dta",clear

findname,all(missing(@))

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drop b12_01   m40e_1   m40g_2   m37g_3   m2k_4    m55i_4   m49a_5   m37e_6   m55d_6
 mm15_12 ///
b8_16   m40f_1   m40i_2   m37i_3   m2l_4    m55j_4   m49b_5   m37f_6   m55e_6
mm5_13 ///
b9_16   m40g_1   m40j_2   m37j_3   m2m_4    m55k_4   m49c_5   m37g_6   m55f_6
mm10_13 ///
b16_16  m40i_1   m40k_2   m37k_3   m2n_4    m55l_4   m49d_5   m37h_6   m55g_6
mm11_13 ///
b8_17   m40j_1   m40m_2   m37m_3   m3a_4    m55m_4   m49e_5   m37i_6   m55h_6
mm12_13

sort caseid

*save modified data
save countryx_mbonly.dta, replace



merge 1:1 caseid using countryx_vsonly.dta

*if the merge was satisfactory, you can drop the _merge vbl
drop _merge
save countryx_mod.dta,replace


Let me know whether this works for you.

HTH,
RHS
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