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Subject: Re: Caste variable in India DHS 2015-16  
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You're not using the correct variable to obtain the frequencies for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes. V131 just shows how many women have report any caste in the first category, those who report any tribe in the second category, those who have no caste/tribe in the third category, those who don't know their caste/tribe in the fourth category, and missing cases in the fifth category. For women, you should be using S116, which shows scheduled castes (SC), scheduled tribes (ST), other backward classes (OBC), none of the above (which includes general castes), and don't know. At the household level, you should use SH36, and for men you should use SM118. I'm not sure why the number of weighted cases you are getting is so large, but see if you get the correct numbers when you switch to the variables suggested above.

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