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Subject: Re: Issue with importing Individual Recode datasets for India for the years 2015-2016 on R

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Following is response from DHS Research & Data Analysis Director, Tom Pullum:

Are you sure that you need to do this merge? I have checked the CR files for these two surveys and see that they include the domestic violence (d\*) variables. The CR files always include almost all of the information about the household and almost all of the information in the IR and MR files. Are you sure that the variables you need from the IR and PR files are not already in the CR file? If so, what variables are missing? Please let me know and perhaps I can help.

I hope you are aware that any merges with the India files must include region (v024 or mv024 or hv024) in the merge command.

As for difficulties unzipping the ASCII version of the IR file, unzipping the file shouldn't have anything to do with it being a DHS file. Your software may not realize that a .DAT file is equivalent to a .TXT file.