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Subject: Re: Merging BR and PR files - India - NFHS 1998  
Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Wed, 01 Feb 2023 14:11:29 GMT  
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Following is a response from Senior DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

For your purposes, the BR file may be sufficient, without any merging. This is a child file, with b8 giving the child's age (for children who are alive). Almost all of the mother's data, such as her age at marriage, are included.

This file includes children who are not currently living with the mother (b9=4). Such children are not in the sample household and could never be matched with the mother (they would have b16=0 if b16 were included in the data).

Let us know if you need more than is in the BR file, but I think this will be sufficient.

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