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Subject: Re: NFHS Raw Data requirement

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There is no ranking of the schedule caste, schedule tribe, OBC, none of them, and don't know variables. "None of them" could be a general caste in most cases, but that's not always the case. The respondent tells the interviewer which of the categories she/he belongs to, but we know that the respondent does not always give the official category as defined by the government. In some cases, higher caste members might say that they are SC, ST, or OBC even if they are not, since that may make them eligible for certain government programs. In addition, the official definition of SC, ST, or OBC varies by state, and even differs in some regions of a state.

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