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Subject: Regarding skip pattern in occupation questions (IR) file of DHS 5 India  
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The occupation details of females of reproductive ages is acquired through the following question in woman's questionnaire -

"As you know, some women take up jobs for which they are paid in cash or kind. Others sell things, have a small business or work on the family farm or in the family business. In the last seven days, have you done any of these things or any other work? "

As per the skip pattern in DHS 4 (2015-16) of India, the above question is asked to all females of reproductive ages. However, for DHS-5 (2019-21) India, this question is applicable only to currently married females. In the data however, this question has been answered also by those not currently married.

Further, no such details provided in DHS guide to statistics that ratifies the skip pattern in DHS 5 woman's questionnaire.

Kindly suggest regarding the skip pattern- is it deliberate or a printing mistake?

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