capacity of the existing health system to ensure long term sustainability. The Phase-III would continue to pay special attention to women.

Q.28 Please illustrate how affirmative action policy has impacted dalit women as compared to other women and as compared to dalit men, as regard education, employment, political participation and decisionmaking. Please provide sex disaggregated data.

Reply to Q.28

The affirmative actions of the Government of India has started yielding results in overall literacy levels of dalit (Scheduled Caste) men and women, as evident from the Table given below:

Sex-wise literacy trend among Scheduled Castes(SC) and total population							
Year	Total			Scheduled Castes			
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
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employed among the SC women, however, is much lower than among the SC male (46.20%).

Seats have been reserved in proportion to the population percentage of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes