

Table 6.5: Women's Participation in Decision Making at Home

| | Indicator | India | Gujarat |
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| Women's decision in her own mobility | Allowed to go alone to market, health facility and to places outside the village/community | 33.4 | 47.3 |
| %age of currently married women who usually make specific decisions alone or jointly with their husbands | Own health care | 62.2 | 63.2 |
| | Making major household purchases | 52.9 | 53.3 |
| | Making purchases for daily household needs | 60.1 | 66.2 |
| | Visits to her family or relatives | 60.5 | 70.4 |
| | All the four decisions | 36.7 | 36.6 |
| | None of the four decisions | 20.5 | 13.1 |
| %age of currently married men who say that wives should have the final say alone or jointly with their husbands in | All the five decisions* | 49.7 | 55.5 |
| | None of the five decisions* | 3.6 | 3 |
| %age of currently married women who agree that a wife is justified in refusing to have sex with her husband when she: | Knows husband has a sexually transmitted disease | 77.8 | 76.7 |
| | Knows husband has sex with other women | 79.3 | 79.2 |
| | Is tired or not in the mood | 77.4 | 72.4 |
| | Agree with all the specified reasons | 67.5 | 62.6 |
| | Agree with none of the specified reasons | 13.1 | 13.3 |
| %age of currently married men who justify wife refusing to have sex with her husband | Agree with all the specified reasons | 70.3 | 65.8 |
| | Agree with none of the specified reasons | 9 | 10.9 |

Source: National Family Health Survey III (2005-06)

Note:

* Includes decision on how many children to have apart from four of the above