**S7 Table. First difference estimation for Self-esteem**



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| **Variables** | **Explanation** |
| SEINDEX\_factor | Self-esteem is the non-cognitive variable created from confirmatory factor analysis |
| dadage | Father’s age |
| momage | Mother’s age |
| coastal | Region1, Coastal=1 |
| rayalaseema | Region2, Rayalaseema=1 |
| public | School type, public=1 |
| chgrade | Child’s highest grade |
| round | Round |
| nomalnutrition | No malnutrition |
| hhsize | Household size |
| numbchild | Number of children in the household |
| wi | Wealth index |
| inregegs | Part of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme |
| inwelfar | Part of the caste-based welfare program |
| time\_spent\_sleeping | Time spent sleeping |
| time\_spent\_inschool | Time spent in school |
| time\_spent\_studying | Time spent studying |
| time\_spent\_playing | Time spent playing |
| \_cons | Constant |