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Q37

India's ranking in the 'Ease of Doing Business Index' is sometimes seen in the news. Which of the following has declared that ranking? (a) Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) (b) World Economic Forum (c) World Bank (d) World Trade Organization (WTO) Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

OECD. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development publishes other indicators, not the Ease of Doing Business ranking that India cited in 2016. This letter is not the key.

(b)

World Economic Forum. WEF publishes the Global Competitiveness Report, a different league table. This letter is not the key.

(c) Official key

World Bank. The Ease of Doing Business Index was a World Bank Group project (**Doing Business report**) until it was **discontinued** after 2021. That stored letter is the official key.

(d)

WTO. The World Trade Organization does not issue the EoDB ranking. This letter is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) World Bank. Ease of Doing Business was the Bank's Doing Business scorecard, not OECD, WEF or WTO. Honour the stored letter (c).

Related possible facts

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Doing Business report

World Bank annual ranking (last full edition 2020)

WEF counterpart

Global Competitiveness Index

India jump (period)

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