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If you travel by road from Kohima to Kottayam, what is the minimum number of States within India through which you can travel, including the origin and the destination? (a) 6 (b) 7 (c) 8 (d) 9 Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

(a) 6. **Kohima** to **Kottayam** on a realistic road path cannot be squeezed into six States including origin and destination. Too few.

(b) Official key

(b) 7. A minimal road route is Nagaland - Assam - West Bengal - Odisha - Andhra Pradesh - Tamil Nadu - Kerala (**Kohima** to **Kottayam**). That is seven States including origin and destination, the official key.

(c)

(c) 8. An extra State can be inserted, but the minimum asked is not eight.

(d)

(d) 9. Still farther from the minimum. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) 7. Start in Nagaland (**Kohima**) and end in Kerala (**Kottayam**). The shortest State-count road corridor runs Nagaland-Assam-West Bengal-Odisha-Andhra Pradesh-Tamil Nadu-Kerala. Skipping West Bengal is not a practical through-road from Assam to Odisha; going via Karnataka adds a State. Origin and destination are both counted. Seven is the minimum.

Related possible facts

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Kohima

Capital of Nagaland

Kottayam

District in Kerala

Chicken's Neck

Siliguri corridor, West Bengal

NH network

Assam-WB-Odisha east-coast path

Seven Sisters

NE States; Nagaland one of them

Andhra-TN-Kerala

Southern leg of the route

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