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In India, it is legally mandatory for which of the following to report on cyber security incidents? 1. Service providers 2. Data centres 3. Body corporate Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1 only (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: D.

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Explanation**(a)**

Option (a) is 1 only. Service providers are covered, but the Information Technology (Amendment) Act / **CERT-In** rules also bind data centres and body corporates. This option is incomplete. This option is not the key.

(b)

Option (b) is 1 and 2 only. It omits body corporates, which are also required to report prescribed cyber-security incidents. This option is not the key.

(c)

Option (c) is 3 only. Body corporates are in, but so are intermediaries/service providers and data centres. This option is therefore wrong.

(d) Official key

Section 70B of the IT Act and the **CERT-In** directions / **Intermediary** Rules require service providers, data centres, body corporates and others to report cyber-security incidents to **CERT-In**. All three stem entities are covered, so 1, 2 and 3 is the official key.

Summary

Official key is (d) 1, 2 and 3. Indian law treats cyber-incident reporting as a duty of a wide class of intermediaries and companies, not of one subset. **CERT-In** is the national nodal agency. Service providers, data centres and body corporates all appear in the reporting net. None of the three can be dropped.

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CERT-In

Indian Computer Emergency Response Team under MeitY

Intermediary

Includes telecom, ISPs, web hosts under the IT Act

Body corporate

Company or firm handling sensitive personal data (s.43A lineage)

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