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The term 'Domestic Content Requirement' is sometimes seen in the news with reference to (a) Developing solar power production in our country (b) Granting licenses to foreign T.V. channels in our country (c) Exporting our food products to other countries (d) Permitting foreign educational institutions to set up their campuses in our country Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) Developing solar power production in our country. Domestic Content Requirement in the news of that period was the **JNNSM**/Make-in-India solar rule that a share of cells and modules be made in India, later litigated at the WTO. This is the official key.

(b)

(b) Licences to foreign TV channels. Not the DCR controversy. Not the key.

(c)

(c) Exporting food products. Export rules are not this DCR story. Not the key.

(d)

(d) Foreign educational campuses. A different FDI/education debate. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) developing solar power production in our country. India required domestic content in some National Solar Mission schemes so that cells and modules would be manufactured locally. The United States challenged those DCR measures in the WTO and won. TV licences, food exports and foreign universities were not that dispute. DCR is a local-content industrial-policy tool.

Related possible facts

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JNNSM

Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission, 2010

WTO case

US-India solar DCR

GATT/TRIMS

National-treatment issues

MNRE

Nodal renewable ministry

Make in India

2014 industrial brand

ALMM

Later approved-module list (neighbour)

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