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With reference to the 'National Intellectual Property Rights Policy', consider the following statements: 1. It reiterates India's commitment to the Doha Development Agenda and the TRIPS Agreement. 2. Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is the nodal agency for regulating intellectual property rights in India. Which of the above statements is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 1 only. The 2016 National **IPR Policy** does reiterate **TRIPS** and Doha Development Agenda commitments, but DIPP (now DPIIT) as **nodal department** is also correct. 1 only is incomplete.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Nodal-agency is right, yet statement 1 is also right. Not the key.

(c) Official key

(c) Both 1 and 2. The Policy affirms **TRIPS**/Doha and names DIPP as the nodal agency for IPR in India. This is the official key.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Both statements match the Policy. Not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) both 1 and 2. India's National Intellectual Property Rights Policy, 2016 states continuity with the WTO **TRIPS** Agreement and the Doha Development Agenda. The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP, later DPIIT) is the **nodal department** coordinating copyright, patents, trademarks, designs and GI through the professional offices. **CGPDTM** is the neighbouring operational office. Both statements stand.

Related possible facts

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IPR Policy

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Nodal department

DIPP / DPIIT

TRIPS

WTO IP agreement, 1995

Doha Declaration

2001; public health and TRIPS

CGPDTM

Patents, designs, trademarks, GI

Copyright Office

Under the IPR nodal frame

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