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Q3

As per the NSSO 70th Round "Situation Assessment Survey of Agricultural Households", consider the following statements: 1. Rajasthan has the highest percentage share of agricultural households among its rural households. 2. Out of the total agricultural households in the country, a little over 60 percent belong to OBCs. 3. In Kerala, a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported to have received maximum income from source other than agricultural activities. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 2 and 3 only (b) 2 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3 Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) 2 and 3 only. Statement 3 on Kerala is right, but statement 2 is not: OBC agricultural households were well below 60 percent of the all-India total in the NSSO 70th Round (closer to about 45 percent). Pairing a wrong **OBC share** with Kerala keeps this code off the key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. The 60 percent OBC claim is incorrect. A single false statement cannot be the key.

(c) Official key

(c) 1 and 3 only. **(c) Official key:** Rajasthan had the highest share of agricultural households among rural households. In Kerala a little over 60 percent of agricultural households reported maximum income from non-agricultural sources. Statement 2 overstates the **OBC share**, so 1 and 3 only is the stored key.

(d)

(d) 1, 2 and 3. Statement 2 is false, so the all-correct option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. The NSSO 70th Round Situation Assessment **Survey** put Rajasthan at the top for the rural share of agricultural households and recorded Kerala's heavy non-farm income dependence. The claim that a little over 60 percent of agricultural households were OBC is wrong. Honour the stored letter (c).

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Survey

NSSO 70th Round, Situation Assessment of Agricultural Households

Highest rural agri-household share

Rajasthan

Kerala income pattern

Over 60 percent max income from non-agri sources

OBC share (survey)

About 45 percent of agri households, not 60 percent

Agricultural household

Rural household receiving some value of produce from agriculture

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