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In the Indian context, what is the implication of ratifying the 'Additional Protocol' with the 'International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)'? (a) The civilian nuclear reactors come under IAEA safeguards. (b) The military nuclear installations come under the inspection of IAEA. (c) The country will have the privilege to buy uranium from the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG). (d) The country automatically becomes a member of the NSG. Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) The civilian nuclear reactors come under **IAEA** safeguards. **(a) Official key:** India's **Additional Protocol** (ratified 2014) widens **IAEA** access to declared civil nuclear facilities and related information. Military facilities stay outside safeguards. That civilian-safeguards implication is the stored key.

(b)

(b) Military installations do not come under **IAEA** inspection. This letter is not the key.

(c)

(c) NSG fuel access followed the 2008 waiver and bilateral 123-type deals, not automatic privilege from the **Additional Protocol** alone. This is not the key.

(d)

(d) **Additional Protocol** ratification does not confer NSG membership. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a). The **Additional Protocol** strengthens **IAEA** safeguards on the civil nuclear cycle. It does not open military sites, buy an NSG seat, or by itself guarantee uranium from the Group. Honour the stored letter (a).

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IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency

Additional Protocol

INFCIRC/540-type expanded safeguards

India AP

Signed 2009; ratified 2014 (India-specific)

Separation plan

Civil-military nuclear separation after the 2008 deal

NSG waiver

2008; trade despite non-NPT status

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