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Q20

With reference to the Parliament of India, which of the following Parliamentary Committees scrutinizes and reports to the House whether the powers to make regulations, rules, sub-rules, by-laws, etc. conferred by the Constitution or delegated by the Parliament are being properly exercised by the Executive within the scope of such delegation? (a) Committee on Government Assurances (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation (c) Rules Committee (d) Business Advisory Committee Official key: B.

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Explanation**(a)**

(a) **Committee on Government Assurances**. It watches whether ministerial promises on the floor are fulfilled, not whether **delegated legislation** stays inside the **parent Act**. This is not the key.

(b) Official key

(b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation. **(b) Official key:** This committee examines **rules**, regulations, bye-laws and orders made under constitutional or statutory delegation and reports whether the Executive has stayed within the four corners of the parent law.

(c)

(c) **Rules Committee**. It considers matters of procedure and conduct of business in the House, not the vires of **delegated legislation**. This is not the key.

(d)

(d) **Business Advisory Committee**. It allots time for government and other business. It does not scrutinise subordinate legislation. This is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (b) Committee on Subordinate Legislation. Parliament delegates rule-making and then polices it through this committee. Government Assurances, **Rules** and Business Advisory committees have other floor and timetable jobs. Honour the stored letter (b).

Related possible facts

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Delegated legislation

Rules made by the Executive under an Act

Parent Act

Statute that confers the rule-making power

Committee on Government Assurances

Follows up assurances given by ministers

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Business Advisory Committee; time allocation

Rules Committee

House procedure

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