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Consider the following statements: 1. As per law, the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority exists at both National and State levels. 2. People's participation is mandatory in the compensatory afforestation programmes carried out under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016. Which of the statements given above is/are correct? (a) 1 only (b) 2 only (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) 1 only. The **Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016** creates CAMPA at both National and State levels. Statement 2 is false: people's participation is not made mandatory in every compensatory afforestation programme under that Act. That is the official key.

(b)

(b) 2 only. Mandatory people's participation is not the statutory rule. This option is not the key.

(c)

(c) Both 1 and 2. Statement 2 fails, so both-correct is wrong.

(d)

(d) Neither 1 nor 2. Statement 1 is true, so neither is wrong.

Summary

Official key is (a). National CAMPA and State CAMPAs exist in law. Compensatory afforestation is a user-agency/forest-department process funded by **NPV** and CA levies; the 2016 Act does not make people's participation mandatory. Honour (a).

Related possible facts

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CAF Act, 2016

Statutorily parks CA funds; National and State Authorities

CAF Rules, 2018

Operationalised the fund flow

NPV

Net Present Value of diverted forest land

FC Act

Forest (Conservation) Act diversion is what generates CA liability

Ad-hoc CAMPA

Supreme Court-supervised precursor before the 2016 Act

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