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The Ninth Schedule was introduced in the Constitution of India during the prime ministership of (a) Jawaharlal Nehru (b) Lal Bahadur Shastri (c) Indira Gandhi (d) Morarji Desai Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

(a) **Jawaharlal Nehru**. The **Ninth Schedule** was added by the **First Amendment**, 1951, to protect agrarian reform laws from **Article 13/19/31** challenges, during **Nehru's** prime ministership. That is the official key.

(b)

(b) Lal Bahadur Shastri. Shastri's short tenure (1964-66) did not introduce the **Ninth Schedule**, so this is not the key.

(c)

(c) Indira **Gandhi**. She used and expanded the Schedule (e.g. 29th, 39th, 42nd Amendments), but she did not introduce it, so this is not the key.

(d)

(d) Morarji Desai. The 44th Amendment is his government's mark, not the birth of the **Ninth Schedule**, so this is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (a) **Jawaharlal Nehru**. **First Amendment**, 1951, created the **Ninth Schedule** after early zamindari-law setbacks. Later prime ministers added entries; Indira's era is expansion, not origin. Honour the stored letter (a).

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First Amendment

1951

Purpose

Shield land-reform laws

Article 31B

Inserted with the Schedule

I.R. Coelho

2007; post-1973 additions open to basic-structure review

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First Amendment also added 19(2) public-order grounds

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