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Q14

Consider the following statements: 1. The Constitution of India classifies the ministers into four ranks viz. Cabinet Minister, Minister of State with Independent Charge, Minister of State and Deputy Minister. 2. The total number of ministers in the Union Government, including the Prime Minister, shall not exceed 15 percent of the total number of members in the Lok Sabha. 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: B.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. The Constitution does not freeze four ministerial ranks.

(b) Official key

2 only. 91st Amendment: Council of Ministers, including PM, $\leq$ 15% of Lok Sabha strength.

(c)

Both. Ranks are a political practice, not a constitutional classification.

(d)

Neither. The 15% cap is [Article 75\(1A\)](#).

Summary

Official key is (b) 2 only. Cabinet / MoS / Deputy Minister are conventional ranks, not a four-fold constitutional list. The 91st Amendment caps the Union Council, including the Prime Minister, at 15% of the Lok Sabha.

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Article 75(1A)

91st Amendment, 2003; 15% cap.

Article 164(1A)

The parallel 15% cap in a State Assembly.

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