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With reference to Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, consider the following statements: 1. As per the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, the election of Deputy Speaker shall be held on such date as the Speaker may fix. 2. There is a mandatory provision that the election of a candidate as Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha shall be from either the principal opposition party or the ruling party. 3. The Deputy Speaker has the same power as of the Speaker when presiding over the sitting of the House and no appeal lies against his rulings. 4. The well established parliamentary practice regarding the appointment of Deputy Speaker is that the motion is moved by the Speaker and duly seconded by the Prime Minister. Which of the statements given above are correct? (a) 1 and 3 only (b) 1, 2 and 3 (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 2 and 4 only Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1 and 3 only. The Speaker fixes the date for Deputy Speaker's election. While presiding, the Deputy Speaker's powers equal the Speaker's and rulings are not appealed on the floor. No rule that the post must rotate opposition/treasury; the Speaker does not move the motion as a mandatory form.

(b)

1, 2 and 3. Statement 2 is not a mandatory rule.

(c)

3 and 4 only. Statement 4 is not the established form.

(d)

2 and 4 only. Both are practice-myths, not rules.

Summary

- **Official key is (a) 1 and 3 only. Lok Sabha rules:** the Speaker names the date for electing the Deputy Speaker. In the Chair, the Deputy Speaker's rulings stand like the Speaker's. The Constitution does not lock the post to opposition or ruling party, and the motion is not a Speaker-plus-PM set piece.

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Article 93

LS shall choose Speaker and Deputy Speaker.

Rule 8, LS Rules

Date of Deputy Speaker's election fixed by the Speaker.

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