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Consider the following statements : 1. In India, the Biodiversity Management committees are key to the realization of the objectives of Nagoya Protocol. 2. The Biodiversity Management committees have important functions in determining access and benefit sharing, including the power to levy collection fees on the access of biological resources within its jurisdiction. 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: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1 only. BMCs also levy collection fees / advise on ABS.

(b)

2 only. Nagoya implementation in India runs through BMCs under the BD Act.

(c) Official key

Both. BMCs are the local Nagoya/ABS hinge and can charge for access to biological resources in their area.

(d)

Neither. Both are **Biological Diversity Act** design.

Summary

Official key is (c) both. **Biodiversity Management Committees**, under the **Biological Diversity Act**, are the local bodies through which India meets Nagoya (access and benefit-sharing). They document People's Biodiversity Registers and can levy charges on access to resources in their jurisdiction.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Nagoya Protocol

2010; ABS for genetic resources; in force 2014.

BMC

Biodiversity Management Committee; every local body under the BD Act.

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