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Consider the following statements: 1. The Government of India provides Minimum Support Price for niger (Guizotia abyssinica) seeds. 2. Niger is cultivated as a Kharif crop. 3. Some tribal people in India use niger seed oil for cooking. How many of the above statements are correct? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) All three (d) None Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. All three **niger** facts hold.

(b)

Only two. MSP, Kharif and tribal cooking oil are all true.

(c) Official key

All three. **Niger** is on the MSP list, grown as Kharif, and used as cooking oil in tribal areas.

(d)

None. Each statement is standard.

Summary

Official key is (c) all three. **Niger** (Guizotia abyssinica) is an oilseed on the CACP MSP list, a Kharif crop of tribal and hill tracts, and its oil is used for cooking in those communities.

Related possible facts

These can be asked in a future Prelims paper.

Niger

Ramtil; oilseed of the Western Ghats and central Indian tribal belt.

MSP oilseeds

Groundnut, soy, sunflower, sesamum, niger, mustard among others.