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Consider the following statements regarding 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' : 1. Provisions will come into effect from the 18th Lok Sabha. 2. This will be in force for 15 years after becoming an Act. 3. There are provisions for the reservation of seats for Scheduled Castes Women within the quota reserved for the Scheduled Castes. Which of the statements given above are correct ? (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1 and 2 only (c) 2 and 3 only (d) 1 and 3 only
Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1, 2 and 3. Statement 1 fails: the Act does not kick in from the 18th Lok Sabha.

(b)

1 and 2 only. Keeps the false commencement date.

(c) Official key

2 and 3 only. Fifteen-year sunset after the census-based delimitation; SC women within the SC quota.

(d)

1 and 3 only. Drops the duration limb and keeps the wrong start.

Summary

Official key is (c) 2 and 3 only. The Constitution (106th Amendment) Act, 2023 (Nari Shakti Vandan) reserves one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies for women, including within SC/ST quotas, for 15 years after it is brought into force. Commencement waits for a census and delimitation - not the 18th Lok Sabha. So 1 is false; 2 and 3 hold.

Related possible facts

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106th Amendment, 2023

Women's reservation in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies; needs census + delimitation.

Article 334A

Inserted by the 106th Amendment for the women's reservation scheme.

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