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The North Eastern Council (NEC) was established by the North Eastern Council Act, 1971. Subsequent to the amendment of NEC Act in 2002, the Council comprises which of the following members ? 1. Governor of the Constituent State 2. Chief Minister of the Constituent State 3. Three Members to be nominated by the President of India 4. The Home Minister of India Select the correct answer using the code given below : (a) 1, 2 and 3 only (b) 1, 3 and 4 only (c) 2 and 4 only (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4 Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

1, 2 and 3 only. Governors, Chief Ministers, and three Presidential nominees after the 2002 amendment.

(b)

1, 3 and 4 only. Drops CMs; the Union Home Minister is not a 2002 Act member in that list.

(c)

2 and 4 only. Incomplete and inserts the Home Minister as if the 2002 composition.

(d)

All four. The 2002 NEC Act list is Governors, CMs and three nominees - not the Home Minister as a constituent member.

Summary

Official key is (a) 1, 2 and 3 only. The North-Eastern Council Act, 1971, as amended in 2002, constituted the Council with the Governor and Chief Minister of each member State plus three members nominated by the President. The Union Home Minister later chairs NEC as a government arrangement; that is not statement 4 as a 2002 statutory member. So 4 drops.

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North Eastern Council

Statutory regional planning body for the North-Eastern States, 1971 Act.

2002 amendment

Brought in Governors and CMs as Council members; Sikkim included.

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