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Which of the following statements about the Ethics Committee in the Lok Sabha are correct? 1. Initially it was an ad- hoc Committee. 2. Only a Member of the Lok Sabha can make a complaint relating to unethical conduct of a member of the Lok Sabha. 3. This Committee cannot take up any matter which is sub- judice. Select the correct answer using the code given below : (a) 1 and 2 only (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 1 and 3 only (d) 1, 2 and 3
Official key: C.

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Explanation

(a)

1 and 2 only. Statement 2 over-narrows who may complain.

(b)

2 and 3 only. Drops the true ad-hoc origin and keeps the false "only MP" rule.

(c) Official key

1 and 3 only. Began as an ad-hoc body; it does not take up **sub-judice** matters.

(d)

1, 2 and 3. Statement 2 is not keyed: complaint is not confined to a sitting LS member alone.

Summary

Official key is (c) 1 and 3 only. The **Lok Sabha Ethics Committee** started as an ad-hoc panel and later became standing. It does not examine a matter that is **sub-judice**. A complaint of unethical conduct is not limited to "only an MP may complain" in the sense statement 2 claims, so 2 drops.

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Lok Sabha Ethics Committee

Standing committee on unethical conduct of members; Speaker refers complaints.

Sub-judice

A matter already before a court is not taken up by the Committee.

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