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Who was the Provisional President of the Constituent Assembly before Dr. Rajendra Prasad took over ? (a) C. Rajagopalachari (b) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (c) T.T. Krishnamachari (d) Dr. Sachchidananda Sinha Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

C. Rajagopalachari. Last Governor-General; not the Assembly's provisional president.

(b)

Dr **B.R. Ambedkar**. Chairman of the **Drafting Committee**.

(c)

T.T. Krishnamachari. Later a member of the **Drafting Committee**, not the opening president.

(d) Official key

Dr Sachchidananda Sinha. Provisional President until Rajendra Prasad was elected.

Summary

Official key is (d) Dr Sachchidananda Sinha. He was elected Provisional President when the **Constituent Assembly** first met on 9 December 1946. Dr Rajendra Prasad then became the permanent President. **Ambedkar** ran the **Drafting Committee**; he did not chair the Assembly.

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Constituent Assembly

First sitting 9 December 1946; Objective Resolution December 1946.

Drafting Committee

Chaired by **B.R. Ambedkar**; appointed 29 August 1947.