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Consider the following statements: Statement I: In India, State Governments have no power for making rules for grant of concessions in respect of extraction of minor minerals even though such minerals are located in their territories. Statement II: In India, the Central Government has the power to notify minor minerals under the relevant law. Which one of the following is correct in respect of the above statements? (a) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct and Statement II explains Statement I (b) Both Statement I and Statement II are correct but Statement II does not explain Statement I (c) Statement I is correct but Statement II is not correct (d) Statement I is not correct but Statement II is correct Official key: D.

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Explanation

(a)

• **Both correct and II explains I. I is false:** States do make concession rules for minor minerals in their territory.

(b)

Both correct without explanation. I is still false.

(c)

I correct, II not. I is the wrong limb; the Centre does notify minor minerals.

(d) Official key

I is not correct, II is correct. Minor minerals are notified by the Centre; States grant concessions and make rules for them in their territories.

Summary

Official Set A key is (d). Under MMDR, the Central Government notifies what is a minor mineral (II). State governments grant mineral concessions and make rules for minor minerals in their territories (I is false). So I not, II yes.

Related possible facts

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MMDR Act, 1957, section 3(e)

Minor minerals: Centre notifies the list (building stone, gravel, ordinary clay, etc.).

Section 15 MMDR

State governments make rules for minor-mineral concessions. Why I is textbook-false.

Major minerals

Centre's lease and auction file after 2015/2021/2023 amendments.

Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment, 2023

Critical-mineral auctions - a neighbour, not minor minerals.

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