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Advertising Dues Aren't Taxes, Rules Supreme Court, Backing Patna's Claim

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In a decisive ruling, the Supreme Court has clarified that the fees charged by municipal bodies for advertising hoardings do not constitute taxes. This judgment overturned a previous decision from the Patna High Court that had instructed the Patna Municipal Corporation to refund these charges, arguing they were unauthorized under constitutional provisions. The court, comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Ahsanuddin Amanullah, explained that calling the 'royalty' a tax was...

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