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Bombay High Court Restores Child to Adoptive Family, Declares CWC's Custody Order Beyond Legal Authority

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The Bombay High Court has ruled that a Child Welfare Committee (CWC) cannot assume custody of a child who does not fall within the categories of an orphan, an abandoned child, or a child requiring care and protection under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Holding that the committee had acted outside the scope of its statutory powers, the Court ordered that the minor girl be...

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