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Supreme Court Says Seniority of Direct Recruits Begins With Appointment, Not Probation

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In a ruling that settles a recurring dispute in service law, the Supreme Court of India has clarified that the seniority of direct recruits must be counted from the date they are first appointed to the post — not from the day they complete their probation period.



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