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In a significant ruling, the Supreme Court has clarified that a demand for dowry is not a necessary condition to invoke Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), which deals with cruelty toward a wife. The judgment reinforces that acts of physical and mental harm alone can constitute cruelty under this provision. A bench comprising Justices Vikram Nath and Prasanna B. Varale emphasized that Section 498A is centered on...

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