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Delhi High Court Overhauls Victim Compensation Guidelines, Citing Rights Violations

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In a pivotal decision, a five-judge bench of the Delhi High Court has invalidated earlier guidelines issued in 2020 for assessing and awarding victim compensation under Section 357 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). The court emphasized that these guidelines encroached on constitutional and statutory rights of accused individuals, sparking a significant shift in the procedure. The now-nullified guidelines mandated the Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLSA)...

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