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False Allegations as a Weapon Court Declares Misuse of 498A as Marital Cruelty

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The Bombay High Court has ruled that filing a false criminal complaint under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code with the aim of "correcting" a spouse's behavior constitutes cruelty under the Hindu Marriage Act, paving the way for divorce. A bench comprising Justices G.S. Kulkarni and Advait M. Sethna emphasized that such baseless accusations not only shatter trust but also erode the core values of marriage, making reconciliation impossible....



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