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Government Company Employees Cannot Claim Section 197 CrPC Protection Solely As Public Servants

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The Supreme Court has clarified that employees of government companies and public sector undertakings do not automatically enjoy protection under Section 197 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) from prosecution without prior sanction. A bench comprising Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra and Justice Shree Chandrashekhar held that being designated as a public servant is not sufficient to claim immunity from criminal proceedings. Employees of government...

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