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High Court Slams Bias in POCSO Bail Decisions

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In a recent ruling, the Allahabad High Court expressed concerns over trial courts showing bias in denying bail under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Justice Ajay Bhanot noted that in at least 40 cases, bail was denied even when victims, who were 18 or older, acknowledged consensual relations. The court's scrutiny revealed a pattern where trial courts overwhelmingly rejected bail applications, suggesting an institutional bias rather...

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