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## Hostile Witness Not Entirely Useless

### Supreme Court Says Credible Portions Must Still Count ?

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The Supreme Court of India has clarified that testimony from a hostile witness cannot be thrown out wholesale. Courts, it said, must sift through such evidence carefully and rely on parts that still carry credibility, even if the witness retracts or contradicts earlier statements.



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