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Supreme Court Rules Delay Can't Deny Landowners Their Due

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In a striking reminder that fairness can't be handcuffed by bureaucracy's ticking clock, the Supreme Court has ruled that landowners are entitled to just compensation even if there's a delay—no matter how long—in seeking it. The verdict came in a case where a land acquisition compensation appeal was filed after an eye-popping delay of 4,908 days—over 13 years. The High Court had tossed it aside on procedural grounds. But the...

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