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Archived Court Hearing Recordings Cannot Be Claimed as a Right Without Judicial Approval

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The Karnataka High Court has ruled that litigants cannot demand copies of archived audio-visual recordings of court proceedings as a matter of right unless the concerned bench specifically authorises their release. Justice CM Poonacha delivered the ruling while dismissing a petition filed by 72-year-old A Sathyanarayana Swamy, who challenged the rejection of his request to obtain recordings of proceedings connected with an appeal. At the heart of the dispute was...

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