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Kerala HC Clarifies Public Servants Can Be Prosecuted for Failing to Report POCSO Offences Without Prior Sanction

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In a significant ruling, the Kerala High Court has determined that public servants can be prosecuted for failing to report offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act without requiring prior government sanction. The Court clarified that this obligation applies to everyone in their private capacity, irrespective of their official role. Justice K Babu, presiding over the case, emphasized that Section 19 of the POCSO Act mandates...



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