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Nine Years Behind Bars, Trial Barely Moves

Supreme Court Says Delay Can No Longer Be Ignored

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The Supreme Court has granted bail to a murder accused who spent more than nine years in custody without the trial making meaningful progress, observing that prolonged incarceration caused by judicial delay cannot be allowed to continue unchecked. A bench of Justice M.M. Sundresh and Justice Prasanna B. Varale exercised its powers under Article 32 of the Constitution to order the release of Liakat Ali, who had been in custody...

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