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Supreme Court Slams Door on Vodafone, Airtel’s Plea to Waive AGR Penalties

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In a blunt rejection that sent a clear message to India’s struggling telecom sector, the Supreme Court on Monday threw out pleas by Vodafone Idea, Bharti Airtel, and Tata Telecom seeking relief from the crushing financial baggage of their Adjusted Gross Revenue (AGR) dues. Their request? A waiver on interest, penalties, and interest on penalties. The Court’s response? A firm no—and a scolding. A two-judge bench of Justices JB Pardiwala...

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