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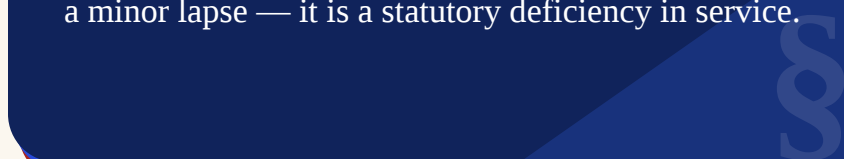
No Keys, No Certificate

Supreme Court Says Builders Can't Hand Over Homes Half-Ready

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In a clear message to the real estate industry, the Supreme Court has ruled that a homebuyer cannot be forced to take possession of a flat unless the builder has secured the mandatory Occupancy Certificate. Delivering possession without it, the Court said, is not a minor lapse — it is a statutory deficiency in service.



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