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A judge cannot remain a passive observer during court proceedings and later base a decision on doubts that were never shared with the parties, the Madras High Court has ruled, stressing that judicial reasoning must emerge from issues openly discussed in court. The ruling came from a Division Bench comprising Justices G.R. Swaminathan and R. Poornima while overturning a trial court order that had dismissed a money recovery suit on...

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