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Supreme Court Backs Railways in Misdeclaration Row

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In a significant shift that bolsters the Indian Railways' authority, the Supreme Court has ruled that penalties for misdeclared goods can legally be imposed even after goods have been delivered. The verdict overturns previous decisions that had shielded transporters from such post-delivery penalties. A bench led by Justices Sanjay Karol and PK Mishra dismantled the Gauhati High Court's earlier stance, which had restricted the Railways from levying penal charges...

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