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SC Draws the Line

Omission of Assets in Poll Affidavit Not Enough to Overturn Election

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India's top court has clarified where the line must be drawn between technical lapses and genuine electoral malpractice. The Supreme Court has ruled that failing to disclose certain assets in a nomination affidavit—unless the omission is both substantial and material—does not automatically invalidate an election. The judgment came in a challenge to the election of Bharat Rashtra Samiti legislator Kova Laxmi, who secured victory from Asifabad in the 2023 Telangana...

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