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Property Seized Under PMLA Can Be Retained Even If Person Not Named in Complaint

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In a key interpretation of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the Supreme Court has ruled that authorities don't need to name a person as an accused in order to continue holding on to their seized assets under Section 8(3)(a) of the Act. The mere existence of a pending complaint concerning an alleged PMLA offence is sufficient to justify retention. A bench comprising Justices Abhay S Oka and N...

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