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Dowry Not a Must for 498A Cruelty,
Revives Case Against Husband

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The Supreme Court has clarified that a demand for dowry is not a necessary condition for prosecuting cruelty under Section 498A of the Indian Penal Code. The ruling emphasized that cruelty under this provision encompasses both physical and mental harm, as well as harassment linked to unlawful demands for property or money. In a significant judgment, the Court stated that these two forms of cruelty—abuse causing physical or mental distress...

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