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### Administrative Enquiry Essential Before Penalizing Public Servants Under SC/ST Act

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In a pivotal judgment, the Supreme Court declared that public servants cannot face prosecution for dereliction of duty under the SC/ST Act, 1989, without a prior administrative enquiry recommendation. This decision overturns a previous High Court ruling and emphasizes the necessity of administrative oversight before initiating legal action. Key Ruling Details A bench comprising Justices MM Sundresh and SVN Bhatti clarified that initiating criminal proceedings for neglect of duty...

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