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Supreme Court Clarifies Presumption Under Anti-Corruption Law

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In a ruling that emphasizes the principle over the magnitude of corruption, the Supreme Court convicted a public servant for accepting a bribe of INR2,000, clarifying that the amount of a bribe need not be substantial to presume corrupt intent under Section 20 of the Prevention of Corruption Act (PCA), 1988. The bench, comprising the Chief Justice and Justices Sanjay Kumar and R. Mahadevan, reviewed an appeal against a High...

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