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Casteist Insults Must Be Public to Qualify Under SC/ST Act

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In a recent judgment, the Supreme Court clarified that for casteist insults to be punishable under the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, the comments must be made within public view. The case involved an appellant who claimed an offence under the Act. He filed an application under Section 156 of the CrPC, seeking an FIR. The trial court ordered a preliminary inquiry but dismissed the...

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