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Acting SHO Has Full Authority for Searches Under NDPS Act

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In a ruling that strengthens the operational muscle of law enforcement under the NDPS Act, the Supreme Court has made it clear—when the Station House Officer (SHO) is unavailable, the baton doesn't fall. It passes seamlessly. The apex court declared that an officer serving as the "In-Charge SHO" holds the legal competence to conduct searches under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, even in the absence of the officially...

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