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Supreme Court Clarifies Appeals in Contempt Cases

Directions on Dispute Merits Stand Even Without Punishment Orders

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The Supreme Court has affirmed that under Section 19 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, appeals are permissible against directions regarding the merits of a dispute, even in the absence of a punishment order. This ruling emerged from a bench consisting of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra. The bench emphasized that while an appeal is generally not maintainable without a punishment...

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