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Supreme Court Clarifies Bail Guidelines for Foreign Nationals

No Mandatory Involvement of Civil Authorities

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In a landmark ruling, the Supreme Court of India has clarified that Civil Authorities and Registration Officers under the Foreigners Act, 1946, need not be included as parties in bail applications filed by foreign nationals. The court emphasized that their involvement is unnecessary unless the charges involve Section 14 of the Foreigners Act. A bench comprising Justice Abhay S. Oka and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan highlighted that including these authorities in...

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