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Company Must Be Named From The Start In Cheque Bounce Cases, Section 319 CrPC Cannot Repair Omission

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The Supreme Court has ruled that a cheque dishonour complaint filed without making the company an accused suffers from a fundamental defect that cannot later be corrected by invoking Section 319 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The Court made it clear that if a cheque has been issued from a company's account, the company itself must be prosecuted before liability can be fastened on its directors or authorised signatories...

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