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Supreme Court Empowers Pollution Boards to Demand Green Reparations from Polluters

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In a pivotal ruling that recalibrates the legal gears of environmental enforcement, the Supreme Court has declared that Pollution Control Boards (PCBs) across the country are well within their statutory powers to demand monetary compensation from entities that damage or threaten to damage the environment. The judgment, delivered by Justices PS Narasimha and Manoj Misra, clarified that these Boards — operating under the Water (Prevention and Control of...



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