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The Supreme Court has made it clear that the criminal justice system cannot become a tool for judging the personal choices of consenting adults, observing that even decisions which lead to painful or undesirable consequences do not automatically amount to criminal offences. A Bench comprising Justice BV Nagarathna and Justice R Mahadevan made the observations while quashing criminal proceedings against a man accused of rape on the false promise of...

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