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Insults in Poor Taste, But Not a Crime

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The Supreme Court ruled that calling someone “Miyani-Tiyan” or “Pakistani” might be distasteful but does not constitute an offense under Section 298 of the Indian Penal Code, which pertains to deliberately wounding religious sentiments. In a case stemming from Jharkhand, the court discharged a man accused of using these terms against a government official, emphasizing that while the remarks were inappropriate, they did not meet the legal threshold for a...

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