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Supreme Court Mandates Spouse's Presence for OCI Card Application Processing

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The Supreme Court has ruled that the physical or virtual presence of an Indian spouse is mandatory for processing the Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card application of a foreign national married to an Indian citizen. This decision overturns a Delhi High Court ruling that had waived this requirement in the case of an Iranian woman. A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy, Sudhanshu Dhulia, and SVN Bhatti emphasized that the...

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