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No Blanket Rule for Preliminary Inquiry Before FIR

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The Supreme Court has clarified that the 2014 Lalita Kumari v. Government of Uttar Pradesh ruling does not impose an absolute requirement for a preliminary inquiry before the registration of a First Information Report (FIR). Instead, it reaffirmed the principle that police must register an FIR when information prima facie suggests a cognizable offence. A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and PB Varale made these observations while rejecting a bail...

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