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# Supreme Court Prioritizes Liberty Over Statutory Bail Restrictions in Prolonged NDPS Cases

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In a recent landmark decision, the Supreme Court ruled that the liberty of an accused must take precedence over the statutory embargo on bail under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS Act) if the trial fails to conclude within a reasonable timeframe. A bench comprising Justices JK Maheshwari and KV Viswanathan emphasized that the restriction on bail imposed by Section 37(1)(b) of the NDPS Act should not apply...

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