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Supreme Court Probes State of Forensic Labs in NDPS Cases

Is a Charge Sheet Complete Without Forensic Report

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The Supreme Court has sought responses from the Union Government and all States concerning the establishment and staffing of Forensic Science Laboratories (FSLs). This inquiry addresses whether a chargesheet in NDPS (Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances) cases is incomplete without an FSL or Examiner's Report, as outlined in Section 173 of the CrPC. A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant, Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan is set to...

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