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Supreme Court Rebukes High Court's Attempt to Label Sexual Offence as 'Romantic'

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In a sharp critique on Tuesday, the Supreme Court denounced the Calcutta High Court's suggestion to amend the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO Act) to decriminalize consensual sexual acts among adolescents over sixteen. The apex court took issue with the High Court's observation that "non-exploitative" sexual acts among older teens could be considered romantic, expressing surprise that such an act could be termed anything other than...

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