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Refusing Medical Exam in Rape Case Can Undermine Credibility

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The Supreme Court has reaffirmed that when an alleged rape victim refuses to undergo a medical examination, it can lead to an adverse inference against their claims. A bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice NK Singh made this observation while hearing an appeal from the State of Himachal Pradesh, challenging a High Court decision that overturned a rape conviction. The ruling referenced the precedent set in *Dola v. State...*

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