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Revised Mineral Royalty Applies Despite Earlier Contracts

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The Supreme Court has ruled that a statutory increase in mineral royalty under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 prevails over royalty rates contemplated in private contracts, making the enhanced levy payable if minerals are removed after the revised rate comes into force. A Bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh held that royalty liability is determined by the date on which minerals are...

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