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No PhD, No Promotion to Associate Professor in Engineering Colleges

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The Supreme Court has ruled that Assistant Professors in engineering colleges who were appointed after March 15, 2000, and did not obtain a PhD within seven years of their appointment, cannot be re-designated as Associate Professors under the 2010 All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) notification. However, the court upheld the entitlement of those appointed before March 15, 2000—when a PhD was not a mandatory requirement—to be promoted to...

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