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In a sharp rebuke to how discharge pleas are being handled in criminal trials, the Supreme Court has overturned a High Court decision that prematurely cleared several accused in a INR21 crore fraud case—because the lower courts leaned on evidence offered by the defence, not the prosecution. The top court was unambiguous: that’s not how Section 239 of the Criminal Procedure Code is supposed to work. The case revolves around...

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