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Supreme Court Standardises Use of Income Tax Returns in Motor Accident Compensation Cases

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In a significant ruling aimed at bringing greater uniformity to motor accident compensation awards, the Supreme Court has framed clear principles on how Income Tax Returns (ITRs) should be used while determining the annual income of deceased victims. A Bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Nongmeikapam Kotiswar Singh drew a distinction between salaried employees and self-employed individuals, holding that different methods are necessary because of the...

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