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In a sharp rebuke to the Slum Rehabilitation Authority (SRA), the Supreme Court has quashed the acquisition of prime Church-owned land in Bandra, making it clear that landowners cannot be elbowed out of the driver's seat when it comes to redeveloping slum-affected properties. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan ruled that the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount—owner of the disputed property—had been unfairly sidelined by...

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