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The Supreme Court has urged State governments to craft policies addressing the issue of excessive billing and patient exploitation in private hospitals, stopping short of issuing direct mandates on the matter. A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotishwar Singh emphasized that policy decisions on healthcare pricing are best handled at the State level, warning that judicial intervention could inadvertently stifle the expansion of private medical facilities. "Policy-makers are...

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