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Splitting Charges Can't Defeat Section 195 CrPC Safeguard

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The Supreme Court has drawn a clear line in the sand: offences under Sections 172–188 of the IPC—those dealing with disobedience or contempt of lawful authority—cannot be pursued in court unless a proper written complaint is made by the concerned public servant or their superior. A Bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan ruled that courts cannot try to sidestep this safeguard by fragmenting charges and proceeding on related...

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