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Sub-Classifications Within SC/STs Now Permissible

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In a pivotal turn of events, the Supreme Court has reversed its previous stance on the issue of sub-classifications within Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). The seven-judge Constitution Bench, led by Chief Justice Dr. DY Chandrachud, delivered a 6:1 majority verdict allowing the sub-division of these groups for the purpose of allocating separate quotas to those deemed more disadvantaged within the SC/ST categories. This decision marks a departure...

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