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Supreme Court Says Railways Can Penalize Misdeclared Goods Even After Delivery

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In a ruling that gives the Indian Railways long arms and a longer memory, the Supreme Court has declared that penalties for misdeclared goods can be slapped not just at the station—but even after the goods have reached their destination and been offloaded. At the heart of the legal skirmish was Section 66(4) of the Railways Act, 1989—a seemingly plain provision that now carries heavy implications for transporters tempted to...

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