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Supreme Court Clears the Path for Justice

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In a landmark observation, the Supreme Court has clarified that unregistered Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can invoke the payment dispute resolution mechanism under Section 18 of the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006 (MSMED Act). This decision marks a significant departure from earlier interpretations requiring prior registration under Section 8 of the Act. Rejecting the notion that only registered entities at...



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