

Lalita Kumari v. State of Uttar Pradesh (2014)

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Court: Supreme Court of India | Bench: Constitution Bench (5 Judges)

Date: 13 November 2013 | Case No: WP(CrI) 68/2008

Subject: Mandatory FIR Registration for Cognizable Offences

Key Holdings

- Registration of FIR is mandatory under Section 154 CrPC if information discloses a cognizable offence.
- Police officer cannot refuse to register an FIR for a cognizable offence.
- The word 'shall' in Section 154(1) CrPC is mandatory.
- Preliminary inquiry is only to ascertain whether cognizable offence is disclosed, not to verify veracity.

Impact

Made FIR registration mandatory. Forms the basis of Zero FIR in Section 173 BNSS, 2023.

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