

M.C. Mehta v. Union of India (1986)

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Court: Supreme Court of India | Bench: Constitution Bench - CJI Bhagwati

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Subject: Absolute Liability - Oleum Gas Leak

Key Holdings

- Enterprise in hazardous industry owes absolute duty to community.
- Absolute liability - stricter than Rylands v. Fletcher.
- Compensation must correlate to magnitude of enterprise.

Impact

Established absolute liability doctrine. Foundation of environmental law in India.

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