S. R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994)

Court: Supreme Court of India

Citation: (1994) 3 SCC 1

Dataset Tag: What cases involved misuse of state powers in India?

Facts:

Several state governments were dismissed under Article 356. The petitioners argued that the President's Proclamations were mala fide political misuse of power.

Issues:

Extent of judicial review over President's Rule and scope of Centre's power under Article 356.

Holding:

The Court held that proclamations under Article 356 are subject to judicial review and laid down strict guidelines to curb misuse.

Significance:

Seminal ruling reinforcing federalism and limiting arbitrary central interventions.