

Shreya Singhal v. Union of India

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Facts

Challenge to Section 66A IT Act criminalising online speech.

Issues

Vagueness and chilling effect on free speech.

Arguments

Article 19(1)(a) vs. reasonable restrictions.

Decision

Section 66A struck down.

Legal Principles

Vague laws chill fundamental speech rights.

Ratio Decidendi

Overbroad speech restrictions unconstitutional.

Obiter Dicta

Section 79 IT Act read down.

Important Quotes

- Discussion or advocacy is at the heart of Article 19(1)(a).

Exam Notes

First major Supreme Court judgment on online speech.

Interview Notes

Landmark for internet freedom.

Articles / Sections

- Article 19(1)(a)
- Article 19(2)
- Section 66A IT Act