

Selvi v. State of Karnataka (Narco-analysis)

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Facts

Use of narco-analysis, polygraph and BEAP tests without consent.

Issues

Constitutionality of forensic techniques.

Arguments

Article 20(3) and Article 21.

Decision

Involuntary use is unconstitutional.

Legal Principles

Right against self-incrimination and mental privacy.

Ratio Decidendi

No such tests without consent.

Obiter Dicta

Consent must be recorded before a magistrate.

Important Quotes

- Compulsory administration of narco tests violates the right against self-incrimination.

Exam Notes

Vital for criminal procedure.

Interview Notes

Discuss mental privacy.

Articles / Sections

- Article 20(3)
- Article 21