

Common Cause v. Union of India (Passive Euthanasia)

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Facts

PIL on legalising passive euthanasia and living wills.

Issues

Right to die with dignity under Article 21.

Arguments

Autonomy vs. sanctity of life.

Decision

Passive euthanasia and advance directives permitted with safeguards.

Legal Principles

Right to die with dignity is part of right to life.

Ratio Decidendi

Living will framework recognised.

Obiter Dicta

Distinction between passive and active euthanasia.

Important Quotes

- The right to live with dignity extends to a dignified death.

Exam Notes

Follows Aruna Shanbaug.

Interview Notes

Ethical and legal dimensions.

Precedents

- Aruna Shanbaug

Articles / Sections

- Article 21