

TITLE: Minerva Mills v. Union of India (1980)

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CITATION

(1980) 3 SCC 625 | Supreme Court of India | 1980

CASE

Minerva Mills v. Union of India

FACTS

Challenge to amendments tilting the balance toward Directive Principles over fundamental rights.

LEGAL ISSUES

Can Directive Principles be elevated so as to destroy fundamental rights / basic structure?

LAW / PROVISIONS

Articles 14, 19, 31C; Parts III & IV harmony; basic structure.

HOLDING

Reaffirmed basic structure; harmony between Parts III and IV cannot be destroyed; certain amending clauses struck.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Directive Principles matter ? they cannot erase fundamental rights wholesale.
2. Basic structure protects the constitutional balance.

SIGNIFICANCE

Classic Part III / IV balance judgment.

PRIMARY SOURCE

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