

## ABSTRACT

ANJANA ANGNIHOTRI v. THE STATE OF HARYANA & ANR.

(Criminal Appeal No. 770 of 2009)

(Decided on February 6, 2020)

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On February 6, 2020, the Supreme Court gave its final verdict in the case of *Anjana Agnihotri v. The State of Haryana and Anr.* This spurred multiple discussions on account of differing opinions, with respect to the eminent question: *Can doctors be placed on a higher pedestal, different from ordinary mortals, while adjudicating for criminal negligence?* This article primarily includes analyzing the fairness of this decision, coupled with its impact and possible objections. The primary question with respect to the immunity offered to medical practitioners is reviewed in the light of other Indian laws, and weighed against its adverse effect on rights of patients. This commentary also aims to shed light on the rationale behind the Supreme Court's pronouncement in the given case, and a probable solution for its practical implementation.

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