

'Betrayal of the faith of the collective'

The Supreme Court said on Wednesday that the value of collective responsibility is 'denuded' if the Lieutenant-Governor blocks a decision of the Delhi Cabinet.

"When after due deliberation between the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers a decision is taken, but the same is not given effect to because of the interdiction of the Lieutenant-Governor, the value of collective responsibility that eventually gets transformed into a Cabinet decision stands absolutely denuded," Chief Justice Dipak Misra observed in the main judgment.

"Any undue interference amounts to betrayal of the faith of the collective in fulfilment of their aspirations of democratic self-governance," the Supreme Court observed.

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