מכלל דתנא קמא לא שני ליה –

It can be inferred that the *Tana Kamoh* does not differentiate

Overview

The גמרא גמרא ברייתא challenging שמואל. The ת"ק there did not differentiate whether it is בדרך הליכה or not, only רשב"א differentiated. This poses a difficulty for שמואל who does differentiate between דרך הליכה or not. תוספות explains why is there a question on שמואל if עשמואל agrees with him.

ותנא קמא עדיף דהוי רבים לגבי יחיד:

The view of the ה"ק is preferable for they are a majority against one individual.

Summary

We (generally) follow the view of the majority (especially) against an individual.

Thinking it over

How can we be sure that the ת"ק here is a רבים, 2 perhaps it is the view of a יחיד, which the ברייתא chose to quote anonymously?!

¹ See 'Thinking it over'.

² See footnote # 1.

³ See 'מגן אברהם (שו"ע או"ח) סי' קפח ס"ק ה.