



Worksheet 4 Rafale Fighter Jet Deal

1. First, identify the four key entities in the Rafale deal:
 - Government 1:
 - Government 2:
 - Company 1:
 - Company 2 (“Offset Partner”):
2. Who were the primary petitioners and what was their plea?
3. Chief Justice Gogoi authored the judgment and rejected the petitioners’ plea. He expressed satisfaction with the government’s decision-making process, despite procedural irregularities. Using the judgment, identify 3 instances where the government deviated from standard procedure and explain Gogoi’s response.
4. In its judgment, the Court emphasised that it has a limited scope of judicial review in matters of defence and national security. Which government actions did the Court assess and how is this informed by its limited scope of review?
5. Subsequent to the judgment, three petitioners filed a review challenging it. Who were the review petitioners? What four grounds for review did they put forth?
6. On 10 April 2019, the Court took on record leaked documents, despite the government’s objections. What was the government’s objection? What precedent does this establish (with regards to freedom of the press)?