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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 16675/2023 & CM APPL. 67206/2023**

WG. CDR. THOMAS MATHEW

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Akshat Bajpai, Mr. Ishanee
Sharma, Mr. Shobhit Trehan and Ms.
Renuka Parmanand, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through:

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

04.01.2024

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1. The Petitioner had approached the CPIO of Ministry of Defence by filing an application dated 25.08.2022 under the RTI Act seeking information on two points which read as under:

“1. Ministry of Defence (Vigilance Cell) had requested the Attorney General of India in May-July 2022 for his opinion on the Prosecution Sanction in respect of N Santosh, SA Kunte and Thomas Mathew who have been chargesheeted by the CBI in the VVIP helicopter scam. Request furnish the response of Attorney General on the said query by Min of Defence (Vigilance) The related News clipping is attached.

2. Request furnish the official responses of the Indian Air Force from 2020 till date to the Min Of Defence (Vigilance) query with regards to the Prosecution sanction in respect of N.Santosh, SA Kunte and



Thomas Mathew who were members of the TEC in procurement of VVIP helicopters.”

2. Learned Counsel appearing for the Petitioner states that he is not pressing the information sought in Point No.1 and restricting himself only to information sought in Point No.2.
3. Issue notice.
4. On payment of process fee, let notice be issued to the Respondents through all permissible modes, including *Dasti*.
5. List on 02.04.2024.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

JANUARY 4, 2024

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