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SC to consider listing plea on Rafale deal after two weeks

Petition seeks filing of FIR for cheating, criminal breach of trust and under PCA

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The Supreme Court on Monday said it would consider listing after two weeks a writ petition filed by advocate Manohar Lal Sharma seeking registration of an FIR and an investigation under the Official Secrets Act into a French media report that France's anti-corruption agency, Agence Francaise Anticorruption (AFA), found aircraft manufacturer Dassault Aviation paid €1 million to an Indian company in connection with the 2016 Rafale deal.

Mr. Sharma mentioned the petition, without explicitly referring to the details, before a Bench led by Chief Justice Sharad A. Bobde.

The petition has made Prime Minister Narendra



To the streets: Congress supporters during a protest in New Delhi, demanding an investigation into the Rafale deal. •AFP

Modi as the first respondent, followed by Sushen Mohan Gupta, Defsys Solutions Private Ltd., Dassault Reliance Aerospace Ltd., the Centre and the CBI in that order.

The petition urged the court to order the registration of an FIR under various

offences such as cheating and criminal breach of trust and sections under the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Official Secrets Act.

It urged the court to issue "appropriate writ direction for cancelling/quashing agreement of September 23,

2016 for the purchase of 36 Rafale jet fighters from Dassault France for being hit by fraud, corruption and offence under the Official Secrets Act and to recover entire advanced money with penalty and to blacklist Dassault". Mr. Sharma said the first four respondents should be prosecuted.

"To prosecute them under the supervision of this court coupled with further direction to issue appropriate writ for quashing inter-government agreement of September 2016, which was the outcome of bribe/corruption," the petition said.

The September 2016 deal was signed by the Defence Ministers of India and France and called 'Rafale deal', the petition said.