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# Official Secrets Act Cannot Be Used to Withhold Chargesheet Documents From Accused

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The Supreme Court has ruled that an accused person prosecuted under the Official Secrets Act (OSA) cannot be denied copies of documents relied upon by the prosecution merely because those records are classified or considered sensitive to national security. A Bench of Justices J.K. Maheshwari and Atul S. Chandurkar set aside a Delhi High Court order that had restricted the accused to inspecting the documents instead of receiving copies. The...

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