

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, August Kranti Bhawan,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi-110066

**Decision No. CIC/AB/C/2016/000165 Dated 27.09.2017**

**Raghuvir Prasad Mathur v. CPIO, Defence Metallurgical Research  
Laboratory, Hyderabad**

Relevant dates emerging from the complaint:

<b>RTI:</b> 19.05.2015	<b>FA:</b> -	<b>Compl:</b> 31.05.2016
<b>CPIO:</b> 27.05.2015	<b>FAAO:</b> -	<b>Hearing:</b> 27.09.2017

**ORDER**

1. The complainant filed an application under the Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act) before the Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory (DMRL), Hyderabad seeking information on two points, including (i) number of cases of workplace harassment during 1999 till date at DMRL and (ii) fact finding/departmental enquiries/court inquiries ordered along with copies of the proceedings thereof along with the names of the culprits.

2. The complainant filed a complaint before the Commission on the grounds that the information sought has been wrongly denied by the CPIO under Section 24(1) of the RTI Act. The appellant requested the Commission to (a) examine the orders of CPIO in the case and pass suitable exemplary orders under Section 20(2) of the RTI Act and (b) examine if the practice of summary and unreasoned disposal of RTI application is in line with the letter and spirit of the RTI Act, if not, order placement of proper RTI mechanism at DMRL to ensure information availability at the public office as per the RTI Act.

**Hearing on 27.09.2017:**

3. The complainant Shri Raghuvir Prasad Mathur and the respondent Shri Ramesh Kumar, Scientist 'F' and CPIO attended the hearing through video conferencing.

4. The respondent submitted that he needs some more time to make his submission in the matter. Therefore, he requested the Commission to adjourn the matter.

**Interim Decision:**

5. The Commission, accedes to the request of the respondent. The matter is adjourned to **20.10.2017 at 04:00 pm.**

6. Copy of the interim decision be provided free of cost to the parties.

**(Sudhir Bhargava)**  
**Information Commissioner**

**Authenticated true copy**

**(S.S. Rohilla)**  
**Designated Officer**

Addresses of the parties:

1. The Central Public Information Officer (CPIO),  
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Hyderabad-500 058.
2. Shri Raghuvir Prasad Mathur,