



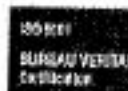
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Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited

(A Government of India Undertaking)

CIN No. U27109AP1982GOI003404



Ref. No: RINLT/R/P/22/00032

Dt. 27.04.2022

To,  
Ms Kumari Aakansha Sharma,  
Flat 2b, Ideal Residency,  
179a/1a, Manicktala Main Road,  
Kolkata-700054.

Sub: Information sought under RTI Act-2005.  
Ref: Your application dt. 28.03.2022.

Dear Madam,

This has reference to your letter cited above seeking information under the provisions of RTI Act-2005. Details of information sought for are furnished below.

**Information sought:**

**Query No. 1:**

Kindly provide me 1<sup>st</sup> date of appointment of Advocate Sri K.V. Ram Murthy as Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) Panel Advocate or as legal advisor.

**Query No. 2:**

Kindly provide me copy of appointment letter of Advocate Sri K.V. Ram Murthy issued by Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited as RINL Panel Advocate or as Legal Advisor.

**Reply to Q. No. 1 & 2:**

Sri K V Rama Murthy, Advocate, Visakhapatnam was empaneled on 30.10.2018, as a Panel Advocate for RINL. Copy of email for his appointment as Panel Lawyer is enclosed at Annexure-1 (04 pages).

**Query No. 3:**

Kindly provide me details of Fees / Remuneration paid to Advocate Sri K. V. Ram Murthy by Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) on case to case basis or on yearly basis..

**Reply:**

Sri K. V. Rama Murthy as Panel Lawyer will be paid his Professional fee towards the cases, opinions etc. as per Fee Schedule of RINL which is applicable to all Panel Lawyers. Copy of Fee Schedule is enclosed at Annexure-2 (05 pages).



Please send your reply to:

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E-mail :

विशाखपट्टणम इस्पात संयंत्र, विशाखपट्टणम-530031

Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, Visakhapatnam - 530 031

Regd. Office : Visakhapatnam Steel Project, Administrative Building, Visakhapatnam - 530 031, INDIA.

पंजीकृत कार्यालय : विशाखपट्टणम इस्पात परियोजना, प्रशासनिक भवन, विशाखपट्टणम-530031, भारत



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**Query No. 4:**

Kindly provide me details of number of cases appointed Advocate Sri K.V. Ram Murthy as RINL Panel Advocate or Legal Advisor year wise as detailed below:

- April 2016 – March 2017.
- April 2017 – March 2018.
- April 2018 – March 2019.
- April 2019 – March 2020.
- April 2020 – March 2021.
- April 2021 – March 2022.

**Reply:**

21 cases including Criminal, Arbitration and Commercial cases have been handled by Sri K. V. Ram Murthy. Year wise information in this regard is not available in compiled form.

**Query No. 5:**

Kindly provide me copy of legal advices given by Advocate Sri K.V. Ram Murthy and accepted (As it is) by RINL from year 2016 to year 2022.

**Reply:**

Legal Advices / opinions rendered by Sri K V Ram Murthy Advocate to RINL in several issues are considered as Privileged Communications which are between client and Advocate. This information cannot be disclosed under the Provisions of Indian Evidence Act. More so it also involves commercial confidentiality.

The above information is furnished to the best of my knowledge and ability.

In case you desire to prefer an appeal against the information furnished, in pursuance with Clause no. 7(8) of RTI Act-2005, you may do so to the Appellate Authority designated by VSP as per details furnished below within a period of thirty days.

**Appellate Authority**

Sri P. K. Lakra  
CGM (TA)  
Room No.16, 1st Floor,  
Town Admn Deptt,  
RINL/Visakhapatnam Steel Plant,  
Visakhapatnam-530032.

Encl: as above.

Yours sincerely

For Visakhapatnam Steel Plant,

*for* *Ca* 28/4/20  
(H M SEHGAL)

DGM(Admn)-I/c & CPIO



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From: SN MISHRA (snmishra@vizagsteel.com)  
 Sent: 30 October 2018 16:41  
 To: 'ramamurthyadvocate@gmail.com'  
 Cc: pramod@vizagsteel.com  
 Subject: FW: INTIMATION OF EMPANELMENT BY RINL,VSP.  
 Attachments: Approved Schedule.pdf

Respected Sir ..

Your trailing mail was forwarded to me and the same was discussed by me with our ED(Law, Admn. & TA). Under his instructions, I bring the following to your notice for your kind consideration.

At the outset, I am extremely sorry for the delay in giving this response, with my sincere assurance that, the delay is not wanton but due to the pressing work load. I also want to express my gratitude for the positive tone and tenor of your mail as far as your empanelment is concerned. It will be a pleasure to have your professional guidance and regular interactions with you in future.

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Warm regards..

S N Mishra

AGM(Law), RINL

From: B.A.N.Mohana Rao [mailto:banmr@vizagsteel.com]  
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WITH REGARDS  
B.A. N. MOHANA RAO  
ASST. GENERAL MANAGER (LAW)  
LAW DEPARTMENT  
RINL,VSP  
MOBILE NO.07702207775

----- Original Message -----

From: Rama Murthy Kesapragada

To: GV SRIHARI RAO

Cc: LAW P K MOHAPATRA ; B.A.N.Mohana Rao ; RAMESH S ; V PARVATHESAM

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2016 3:00 PM

Subject: Re: INTIMATION OF EMPANELMENT BY RINL,VSP.

Dear Mohapatra Sir,

Good Afternoon.

Hearty Dussehra Wishes in advance to you and your officials in the law department.

Please refer to your mail dated 13.10.2016 and the trailing mails. At the outset I would like to thank one and all concerned who are responsible for including my name in the panel of Advocates to represent Vizag Steel. I express my gratitude for the trust and confidence reposed in me to carryout the sensitive responsibility.

At this juncture I would like to air my views before conveying my acceptance to undertake this valuable offer. I have put in nearly 37 years of active practice sustaining on staple diet of legal material, day in and day out. I never accepted any legal work of a client as a mere assignment, i breathed it as a mission and pursued it with zeal, zest and combined them with agile dedication. More so when I represented the cases of Government, semi Government and PSUs. Money was never a consideration while representing them, but money do play a role as administrative, sundry & incidental expenses as well as taxes have increased considerably beyond one's imagination in the past decades. In this scenario very few competent and committed professionals are coming forward to accept onerous tasks. It is indeed an honor to represent state and its PSUs, nay it is a bounden national duty to sub-serve the public interest.

Since I believe in transparency with client I am candidly expressing myself. I do agree that PSUs can not pay like corporate and private clientele. But it is a fact that the trial lawyers who invest a lot of time and energy and do the arduous work and skulduggery to build up the case are taken for granted as children of lesser god. Instead the Senior Advocates who strut like peacocks in their gowns and even their junior colleagues practicing in High Courts and Supreme Court with questionable abilities and credentials are preferred for rewarding remuneration irrespective of their effort and outcome. Hence I do have issues to be clarified before extending my unequivocal acceptance and unstinting support as panel Advocate.

It is a matter of concern but surreal that Arbitrators have been charging exorbitantly towards their fees, stay and administrative expenses. In this view of the matter the Vizag Steel having intended to avail qualitative services of experienced lawyers, offered too low fees and it has to be revised upwardly and hereafter annually to take care of the rising inflationary trends.

As I am not computer literate I invariably depend on my junior associate in my chambers. Hence for outside appearances also I need his assistance for more than one reason. As I am 59 years old I can travel by flight only. The booking of tickets cannot be in last minute due to administrative issues. I can book myself and raise the bill. I assure you that I would not book at premium rates or keep a cut. Similarly I would like to have my own transport at Visakhapatnam to and from Airport. With regard to outstation stay I would like to

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stay in a 3 star hotel as I heard that the Vizag Steel guest houses are not well equipped/ well served. In this connection I also assure you that I am a frugal eater of vegetarian food and take every step to minimize the expenditure as far as possible. With regard to the conferences, normally I would be available at my chambers, outside the court hours on working days, holidays, Saturdays and Sundays (till afternoon). Unless there is urgency, I would not be available during the court working hours as there is considerable pressure in Courts for expeditious disposal of the cases. Even the Arbitration matters are being fast tracked in view of the recent amendments to the Arbitration and Conciliation Act.

I also make it a point to request my clients (PSUs) to bring the case files by preparing sequence of events, index of documents and a summary of the case, so as to give my best in the shortest possible time.

I am willing to accept the challenging and diverse work of Vizag Steel, however subject to your positive response on issues other than the fees.

I request you to mark this mail to Mr. Samir Mishra since I do not have his mail i.d.

Thanking you,

Yours truly,

On Thu, Oct 13, 2016 at 6:13 PM GV SRIHARI RAO <gvsn@vizagsteel.com> wrote:

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your request addressed to RINL, VSP along with your Bio-data for empanelment as advocate.

Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, Visakhapatnam Steel Plant has decided to empanel you as one of the panel lawyer's of RINL, VSP as per the 'terms and conditions for panel advocates of RINL, VSP'.

The 'terms and conditions' of RINL, VSP are attached herewith.

'Schedule of Fee' of RINL, VSP is also attached herewith, as indicated at Sl. No.11 (i) of the 'terms and conditions for panel advocates of RINL, VSP'.

Kindly convey your willingness by sending the signed copy of 'the terms and conditions for panel advocates of RINL, VSP', to enable us to take further necessary action in empanelling you.

With Best regards,

SRI P.K. MOHAPATRA

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K.V. Rama Murty, B.Com., B.L., Advocate,

"SADGAMAYA"

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VISAKHAPATNAM STEEL PLANT  
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SCHEDULE OF FEES APPLICABLE TO PANEL LAWYERS OF VSP IN THE HIGH COURT AND LOWER  
 COURTS AT ANDHRA PRADESH & TELENGANA

Sl.	Heads in the Fee Schedule	Fee (in Rs.)
<b>1</b>	<b>GENERAL</b>	
(i)	For written opinions:	
(a)	With Conference	5,500/-
(b)	Without conference	4,000/-
(c)	Urgent or complicated matters	10,000/-
(ii)	Drawing / drafting of the agreement	10000/-
(iii)	Drawing of deeds like lease deeds, Sale deeds etc.	10,000/-
(iv)	Vetting of agreements, documents, Deeds including lease deeds, sale deeds etc.	5,000/-
(v)	For Issuing Registered Lawyer's Notices and Issuing Reply Notice	4,000/-
(vi)	Conference fee for briefing other Senior Advocate	4000/-
<b>2</b>	<b>LABOUR COURTS/TRIBUNALS/CONSUMER FORUMS ETC</b>	
(i)	Cases where VSP is a direct employer of the Petitioner or in case of contested cases	15,000/-
(ii)	Cases where VSP is a principal employer of the Petitioner or in cases where VSP is a Proforma-Defendant	10,000/-
(iii)	Consumer Forum Cases etc.	10,000/-
<b>3</b>	<b>RAILWAY TRIBUNAL</b>	As per Advocate Fee Rules framed by AP High Court for suits subject to the ceiling of Rs.5,00,000/-
<b>4</b>	<b>ARBITRATION</b>	
(i)	For preparation and study of claim statement/ counter statement, relevant document, material papers, files etc. and all other petitions to be filed from time to time before the arbitral tribunal - A lumpsum amount based on the value of the claim amount	
(a)	Claim amount does not exceed Rs.25 lakhs	25,000/-
(b)	Between Rs. 25 lakhs and Rs. 50 lakhs	35,000/-
(c)	Between Rs. 50 lakhs and Rs. 1 crore	50,000/-
(d)	Exceeding Rs. 1 crore	75,000/-
(e)	International Arbitration (irrespective of claim amount)	75,000/-
	Note: For COUNTER CLAIM separate fee is payable on the same lines for all purposes	



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(ii)	Fee for attending hearings	
	(a) For each effective hearing	10,000/- per day
	(b) For each non effective hearing	4,000/- per day
(iii)	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the hearing fee will be paid to the Jr. Advocate if accompanied	1/3 <sup>rd</sup> of the hearing fee will be paid to the Jr. Advocate if
(iv)	Fees prescribed under (ii) & (iii) above will be subject to overall ceiling prescribed as under:	
	(a) Does not exceed Rs.25 lakhs	1,50,000/-
	(b) Between Rs.25 lakhs and Rs.50 lakhs	2,00,000/-
	(c) Between Rs.50 lakhs and Rs.1 crore	2,50,000/-
	(d) Exceeding Rs.1 crore	3,00,000/-
(v)	Expenses towards typing, xeroxing, printing, binding etc.	
	(a) Cases whose value is upto Rs.50 lakhs	5,000/-
	(b) Cases whose value is above Rs.50 lakhs	10,000/-
(vi)	All other expenses will be reimbursed on certification of advocate.	to be approved by HOD of Law Dept.
(vii)	Filing or defending Applications under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996 (Sec 8, 9 etc.) and appeals arising there from	10,000/- per application
(viii)	Original Petitions, Civil Revision Petitions and Civil Miscellaneous Appeals etc. against awards under Sec.34, 37 and other orders, if any.	25,000/- (on lumpsum)
(ix)	Application for appointment of Arbitrator filed under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
5	<b>CASES IN HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH</b>	
(i)	Writ Petitions/Writ Appeals (Fee inclusive for drafting, filing appearance, arguments in Writ Petitions/Writ Appeals including Misc. Petitions Vacate, Stay Petitions etc.	15,000/- (on lumpsum)
(ii)	Civil Appeals	As per Advocate Fee Rules.
(iii)	Civil Misc. Appeal/Civil Revision Petition	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
(iv)	Criminal Appeal/Criminal Revision Petition/Quash Petition	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
(v)	Review Petition	4,000/- (on lumpsum)
(vi)	Land Acquisition 1 <sup>st</sup> Appeals/II Appeals	13,500/- (on lumpsum)
(vii)	All cases where VSP is a Proforma Defendant	5,000/- (on lumpsum)
(viii)	Caveat	6,000/- (on lumpsum and expenses as per actuals)
(ix)	Contempt of Court cases	13,500/- (on lumpsum)
(x)	Garnishee cases	5,000/- (on lumpsum)

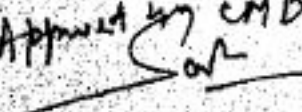
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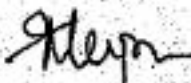
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<b>CASES IN SUB-ORDINATE COURTS AND COMMERCIAL COURTS, ANDHRA PRADESH &amp; TELENGANA</b>		
The fee shall be payable as per Advocate Fee Rules except regarding the items provided hereunder specifically		As per Advocate Fee Rules.
(i)	Declaratory Suits	
	(a) for simple declaratory suits	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
	(b) for others	15,000/- (on lumpsum)
(ii)	Land Acquisition Cases/appeals	13,500/- (on lumpsum)
(iii)	Execution Petitions	As per Advocate Fee Rules with maximum ceiling of Rs. 2,00,000/-
(iv)	E.P. for execution of arbitration awards	50% of the fee payable to the advocate for preparation of pleadings based on claim amount involved as per Sl. No. 4 of the Schedule
(v)	Cases arising out of violation of court orders	13,500/- (on lumpsum)
(vi)	Review Petitions	5,000/- (on lumpsum)
(vii)	Caveat	6,000/- (on lumpsum and expenses as per actuals)
(viii)	In cases/Suits where VSP is Proforma-Defendant	5,000/- (on lumpsum)
(ix)	Garnishee Cases	5,000/- (on lumpsum).
<b>7 CRIMINAL CASES IN SUBORDINATE COURTS, ANDHRA PRADESH &amp; TELENGANA</b>		
(i)	Interim Custody petition for properties	5,000/- (on lumpsum)
(ii)	STC cases filed under Factories Act, 1948	15,000/- (on lumpsum)
(iii)	Accident Cases	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
(iv)	N.I Act cases filed by RINL or filed against RINL	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
(v)	All other Criminal Cases	10,000/- (on lumpsum)
<b>8</b>	<b>CASES/PETITIONS /MATTERS BEFORE DIFFERENT STATUTORY/QUASI JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES/FORUMS</b>	At Visakhapatnam : 10,000/- (on lumpsum) Outstation in AP & Telengana: 20,000/- (on lumpsum)
<b>9</b>	<b>MISCELLANEOUS PAYMENTS</b>	
(i)	Clerkage, Postage, Stationery expenditure etc.,	

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	10% of the Advocate Fee will be paid towards clerkage, postage and stationery etc. If extra services, copies, sets etc. are required, cost/ expenses etc. towards the same will be reimbursed to Advocate as per actuals on certification by the Advocate.	
(ii)	Out of Pocket Expenses :	
	Out of Pocket Expenses will be paid as per actual on submission of details and upto Rs.1,000/- without details	
(iii)	Payment of Court Fee, Stamp Duty and other Miscellaneous Court Expenses etc.: Payment of Court Fee, Stamp Duty and other Miscellaneous Court Expenses will be made on actual on certification of the Advocate	
10	GENERAL PROVISIONS	
(i)	Fee will be payable in two instalments. The first instalment of 50% of the fee will be paid after the filing and the second instalment of the balance 50% of the fee will be paid after the disposal, on the receipt of the information regarding the same in writing from the Advocate.	
(ii)	As regards advances towards court fee, clerkage, etc., payment will be made as recommended by the dealing executives of Law Dept. The dealing Advocate will have to submit reports periodically regarding expenses on these items, which will be scrutinized by the Law Dept. and necessary adjustments will be made.	
(iii)	In respect of arbitrations, the fee prescribed under 4 (i) above will be paid after filing of the Claim Statement/Counter Statement and fee in respect of 4 (ii) & (iii) will be paid as and when the bill is raised.	
(iv)	The amount towards court fee and other court expenses, clerkage etc. will be paid in full at the time of filing of the case.	
(v)	Wherever the fee indicated is on lumpsum basis, the same is inclusive of Junior Advocate fee.	
(vi)	In the case of withdrawal or in the case of dismissal in-limine or otherwise decided by the Court ex-parte before the final hearing, 50% of the Advocate Fee will be payable.	
(vii)	In the cases where substantially identical question of law or facts are there and where common or identical judgements are delivered, irrespective of the fact whether all such cases are heard together or not, the advocate fee will be payable on the rate stipulated above in the main/first case and only 50% is payable in each of the connected cases.	

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(viii)	This revised fee schedule shall be applicable only for cases/matters /arbitrations etc. to be entrusted to the empanelled lawyers after the date of its approval and the same shall be effective for a period of five years from the said date or till further revision whichever is later.	
(ix)	Wherever fee payable is based on the percentage of value of claim and/or when the fee payable is as per Advocate Fee Rules, the fee payable will be with a ceiling of maximum of Rs.5,00,000/-, except otherwise specified above. Law Department will obtain specific approval for each of the cases when the fee payable exceeds Rs.1,00,000/-.	
(x)	This fees schedule shall be applicable to the panel advocates at Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Hyderabad having more than twenty years of experience. Other advocates will be entitled for 75% of the fees prescribed in this schedule.	
(xi)	Fees and Arrangements for advocates while attending outstation hearings/professional engagements on behalf of RINL, VSP	
(a)	Advocates travelling to outstation places and attending court cases/ arbitration hearings/ other professional engagements, shall be paid double of the fee he is entitled under this schedule for the services provided at outstation places. However, he will not be entitled for Jr. Advocate fee.	
(b)	Advocates while travelling to outstation places for attending court cases/ arbitration hearings/ other professional engagements, shall be provided the following: (1) To and fro air or A/C first class train tickets, (2) Accommodation either in guest house (if available) or in a hotel (upto IV star), (3) A/C taxi for local travelling during the total period of journey.	
(c)	All arrangements regarding (b) above will be done by the concerned department through Gen. Admn Dept., Liaison Office or Local/Branch Sales office of VSP, based on the request/clearance of Law Department.	
(d)	In case the arrangements are made by the advocate himself, reimbursement of all expenses shall be made to the advocate on production of the tickets, bills etc. and certification by Law Dept.	
(e)	Expenses towards regarding (b) above will be booked to the Head 'Legal Charges' budget of Law Dept.	

Approved by CMD on 26.5.18.  
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