Pleas under RTI Act to be cleared in three months

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HYDERABAD: Chief Information Commissioner Jannat Hussain has promised that the large pendency of petitions filed under the Right to Information Act will be cleared in three months.

At a public hearing on RTI organised by the United Forum for RTI campaign here on Saturday, Mr. Hussain listened to several individual grievances and promised to take them up with other Commissioners. He said it would be his endeavour to ensure that the right to information activists were not inconvenienced.

On threats received by RTI activists, he said the Commission was in the process of making enquiries from SPs of the respective districts. The Commission would hold a video-conference with Collectors in this regard next month.

Responding to a protest that the designated public information officers in government departments were not complying with the Commission's orders at frequent intervals to disclose information to seekers, Mr. Hussain said the problem was being addressed by asking the authorities not to close files until the applicants confirmed that they got the required information.

He also heard complaints that the Commissioners were not courteous in attending to complaints from public.