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Sengar gets life term for rape of Unnao teen

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EXPELLED BJP MLA from Uttar Pradesh, Kuldeep Singh Sengar, can expect to breathe his last in jail after a Delhi court on Friday sentenced him to life imprisonment till death for raping a minor girl in Unnao in 2017.

"The convict Kuldeep Singh Sengar is hereby sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of his natural biological life," the court said.

District Judge Dharmesh Sharma also imposed a fine of ₹25 lakh, to be paid within a month. Holding him guilty of intimidating the rape survivor, the court ordered an additional ₹10 lakh to be paid as compensation to the girl's mother.

Rejecting his plea for leniency, the court observed: "Sengar was a public servant when he committed the depraved act upon the minor girl...every coercive measure was adopted by the convict himself and through his henchmen to intimidate and silence the victim."

Expressing their disappointment with the verdict, the victim's family said Sengar must have gotten the death penalty.