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**File No : CIC/BJ/A/2016/000026 + 148**

In the matter of:

Mr. B Karthick  
Upper Division Clerk,  
Pasteur, Institute of India,  
Coonoor- 643103, Tamil Nadu

...Appellant

VS

Central Public Information Officer/ DW(I)  
Ministry of Railway,  
Railway Board, Works & Projects  
Room No 128, New Delhi – 110001

Central Public Information Officer/ DPG  
RTI Cell Room No 507,  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Railway Board, New Delhi - 110001

...Respondents

	<b>Dates</b>
<b>RTI Application</b>	: Not mentioned
<b>CPIO Reply</b>	: Not on record
<b>First Appeal</b>	: 09.10.2015
<b>FAA's Order</b>	: Not on record
<b>Second Appeal</b>	: 01.03.2016
<b>Date of hearing</b>	: <b>31.03.2017</b>
<b>Date of decision</b>	:

**Information sought:**

The appellant had sought information regarding status of broad gauge conversion in railway line between Coimbatore and Pollachi, Pollachi and Palani and Palakkad and Palani, funds allocated, constraints if any, status of New Railway Line between Madurai and Tuticorin in the Southern Railways etc.

**Grounds for Second Appeal**

The CPIO did not provide the desired information.

**Order**

**Appellant** : **Absent**  
**Respondent** : **CPIO, Shri K.Tiriya**

During the hearing the respondent CPIO submitted that they had provided the requisite reply vide their letters dated and 28.03.17 and 27.03.17 in connection with both the RTI applications.

On perusal of the case record, it was seen that there are two cases of the appellant. However, the dates are not very clear and both the RTI applications relate to matters i.e broad gauge conversion of railway lines belonging to southern railway. The replies to both the RTI applications were provided after the receipt of the second appeal notice of the Commission. The reply is point wise but the delay involved is substantial.

In regarding to the delay involved, the respondent CPIO submitted that the online RTI system was not working and due to this the inordinate delay occurred. He further assured that no such inordinate delay would be allowed to happen in future.

In view of the above, the CPIO is cautioned to be more careful while dealing with RTI applications in future.

The CPIO had already provided the required information, the matter is accordingly treated as closed.

**[Amitava Bhattacharyya]**  
**Information Commissioner**

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(A.K.Talapatra)  
Dy. Registrar