

**CENTRAL INFORMATION COMMISSION**  
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**Appeal No. CIC/VS/A/2015/000329**

Appellant: KK Symon  
Kidangan House , Nalukettu PO, Koratty, Thrissur  
Distt. 680308, Kerala

Respondent: Central Public Information Officer  
DPO, Southern Rly, Divnl. Office, Personnel  
Branch, Thiruvananthapuram-14

Date of Hearing: 18.11.2016  
Dated of Decision: 18.11.2016

**ORDER**

**Facts:**

1. The appellant filed RTI application dated 24.06.2014 seeking information on action taken on his letter dated 04.04.2000 regarding supersession of seniority and loss of promotion etc.
2. The CPIO responded on 30.07.2014. The appellant filed first appeal on 23.08.2014 with the First Appellate Authority (FAA). The FAA responded on 09.10.2014. The appellant filed appeal on 09.02.2015 before the Commission with the plea that the sought for information has not been provided to him.

**Hearing:**

3. The appellant and the respondent both participated in the hearing.
4. The appellant stated that his representation dated 04.04.2000 regarding supersession of seniority in the list published in year 2000 has not been replied to till date. The appellant stated that his grievance matter was sent through his retirement unit and proper channel to the authorities. The appellant stated that he could not get promotion due to supersession in the seniority.

5. The respondent stated that the record retention period of records of representation on seniority is five years. The respondent stated that the appellant's representation dated 04.04.2000 is a miscellaneous record and it is not traceable in the office. The respondent stated that the issue of seniority pertains to the year 1999 and thereafter two seniority lists were published but as per their records the employee has not represented against the subsequent revised seniority lists during his service. The respondent stated that the appellant vide letter dated 30.07.2014 and 09.10.2014 has been informed in this regard.

6. The respondent stated that the first appellate authority vide its order dated 09.10.2014 had disposed of the first appeal.

**Discussion/ observation:**

7. The action/steps taken by the respondent in dealing with the RTI application is satisfactory. However, an additional search can be made to trace out the action taken on letter dated 04.04.2000 on the basis of papers held with the appellant.

**Decision:**

8. The appellant may make available copy of letter dated 04.04.2000 and relevant records to assist enable the appellant to trace the availability of record.

9. The respondent is directed to provide the appellant the action taken on letter dated 04.04.2000 if it is found on the basis of appellant's papers, within 30 days of receipt of papers.

The appeal is disposed of. A copy of the order be given to the parties free of cost.

**(Radha Krishna Mathur)**  
**Chief Information Commissioner**

Authenticated true copy

(S.C. Sharma)  
Dy. Registrar

