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File No : CIC/VS/A/2015/001233-AB

In the matter of:

Rajindra Singh
S/o Sh Chand Singh Vill and P.O. Haiderpur
H. No. 288 Haiderpur,
Delhi- 110088.

...Appellant

VS

Central Public Information Officer,
M/o Railways
Sr. Divisional Finance Manager, Office
Of Sr. Divisional Finance Manager, Northern
Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110001

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Central Public Information Officer,
CPIO and Sr. Senior Divisional Content
Manager, Divisional Office, Northern
Railway, New Delhi

&

Central Public Information Officer,
Sr. Divisional Security Office/RPF, Northern
Railway, Delhi (East) Division,
P.K. Road New Delhi.

..Respondents

	Dates
RTI application	: 25.05.2014
CPIO reply	: Not on record
First Appeal	: 20.09.2014
FAA Order	: 15.10.2014
Second Appeal	: 07.05.2015
Date of hearing	: 23.02.2017

Information sought:

The appellant had sought details relating to the implementation of the 6th pay commission recommendation in his case.

Grounds for Second Appeal

The CPIO did not provide the desired information.

Order

Appellant : **Present**
Respondent : **CPIO, Shri Vijaypal, SSO alongwith other Representative of PIOs**

During the hearing the appellant submitted that they did not get the requisite reply from the respondent.

On perusal of the case record, it was seen that appellant did not receive proper reply from the public authority till date although the FAA had mentioned in its order that a reply had been furnished in the form of a letter by the Divisional Finance Manager dated 07.10.14 addressed to the Sr. Division Security, Northern Railway(East division). The rep. of the PIO who attended the CIC hearing was asked whether it was a valid reply under the RTI Act. The rep. of the PIO admitted that it was not a valid reply as the above mentioned letter was not addressed to the RTI applicant.

Be that as it may, this again shows a severe lack of information/knowledge of RTI matters on the part of officers working in the Railways at various levels as APIO, PIO and CPIO.

An advisory is issued to Chairman Railway Board to issue directions for holding continuous training programmes for CPIO/APIO etc on RTI matters in various zones.

The registry of this bench is directed to send a copy of this advisory each to the Chairman, Railway Board, Member (Traffic), Railway Board & Member (Personnel) Railway Board for information and taking follow up action in the matter.

The respondent CPIO is directed to provide **once again** point wise reply complete in all respects to the appellant enclosing copy(s) of documents sought for under the RTI Act free of charge u/s 7(6) of the same Act within 07 days of the receipt of the order.

With the above direction, the appeal is disposed of.

[Amitava Bhattacharyya]
Information Commissioner

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(A.K. Talapatra)
Deputy Registrar

