[Cassandra-6098](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://issues.apache.org/jira/browse/CASSANDRA-6098&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1751363461667166&usg=AOvVaw0c9wH7oY_nlrl2lDr36G-D)

NullPointerException causing query timeout

**(1)  Log information**

A common SELECT query could not be completed failing with.

Request did not complete within rpc\_timeout.

output.log showed this:

ERROR 15:38:04,036 Exception in thread Thread[ReadStage:170,5,main]

java.lang.RuntimeException: java.lang.NullPointerException

            at org.apache.cassandra.service.StorageProxy$DroppableRunnable.run(StorageProxy.java:1867)

            at java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor.runWorker(ThreadPoolExecutor.java:1145)

            at java.util.concurrent.ThreadPoolExecutor$Worker.run(ThreadPoolExecutor.java:615)

            at java.lang.Thread.run(Thread.java:724)

Caused by: java.lang.NullPointerException

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.index.composites.CompositesIndexOnRegular.isStale(CompositesIndexOnRegular.java:97)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.index.composites.CompositesSearcher$1.computeNext(CompositesSearcher.java:247)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.index.composites.CompositesSearcher$1.computeNext(CompositesSearcher.java:102)

            at com.google.common.collect.AbstractIterator.tryToComputeNext(AbstractIterator.java:143)

            at com.google.common.collect.AbstractIterator.hasNext(AbstractIterator.java:138)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.ColumnFamilyStore.filter(ColumnFamilyStore.java:1651)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.index.composites.CompositesSearcher.search(CompositesSearcher.java:50)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.index.SecondaryIndexManager.search(SecondaryIndexManager.java:525)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.ColumnFamilyStore.search(ColumnFamilyStore.java:1639)

            at org.apache.cassandra.db.RangeSliceCommand.executeLocally(RangeSliceCommand.java:135)

            at org.apache.cassandra.service.StorageProxy$LocalRangeSliceRunnable.runMayThrow(StorageProxy.java:1358)

            at org.apache.cassandra.service.StorageProxy$DroppableRunnable.run(StorageProxy.java:1863)