



सत्यमेव जयते

Ministry of Micro, Small
and Medium Enterprises
Government of India

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of Commerce and Industry

IP FACILITATION CENTRE FOR MSME

Patents

Trademarks

Designs

Copyright

Geographical Indications

Commercialisation of IP



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The role of MSMEs to our country's socio-economic development is enormous, considering its contribution in providing employment, manufacturing products, exports, etc. In today's competitive economy, for enterprises, both big and small, it is important to have their intellectual properties well protected. Protection of intellectual creations will promote innovations and will provide a competitive advantage to every enterprise. Due to various factors, MSMEs fail to protect their intellectual property and face problems due to the same.

In this backdrop, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, is opening an Intellectual Property (IP) Facilitation Centre for MSME, to guide MSMEs regarding utilization of IP tools and technologies for better management of their intellectual property related needs.

The Head Office of the Facilitation Centre will be in Delhi. Later on, it is proposed to link the Delhi office to all FICCI state offices, especially to offices in Jaipur, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, etc., enabling the Facilitation Centre to cater to the IP needs of MSMEs all over India.

SERVICES OFFERED

1. General Advisory

The Facilitation Centre will provide general advisory on different intellectual property rights, such as, patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, geographical indications, etc. The Centre will provide advice on filing of the IP applications, at appropriate national and international IP offices, depending on the type of intellectual property involved. The Centre will also provide information on best IPR Practices.

2. Prior Art Search

The Facilitation Centre will assist in conducting Prior Art Search to assess the patentability of an invention and will assist in conducting Freedom to Operate Search.

3. Patent Drafting


Assistance in drafting complete/provisional specifications for inventions belonging to any technology domain as per the standards of Indian Patent Office, USPTO, EPO, etc.

4. Prosecution of Intellectual Property Applications

The Facilitation Centre can assist in filing and prosecution of IP applications related to patents and trademarks.

5. Commercialization and Tech Transfer

FICCI can assist the applicants in successfully commercializing their inventions.



GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

IP Facilitation Centre for MSMEs

The Ministry of MSME is setting up IP Facilitation Centres to assist MSMEs to have access to best practices for identification, protection and management of IPR as a business tool.

Financial Assistance to MSMEs

Ministry of MSME will provide financial support of upto Rs. 25000 on grant of domestic patent, Rs. 2 lakh for foreign patent and Rs. 1 lakh for registering Geographical Indications.

Financial Assistance to MSMEs for Filing International Patent Applications

Ministry of Communications and Information Technology provides reimbursement of upto Rs.15 lakhs or 50% of the total expenses incurred in filing international patent applications.

Business Incubators for SMEs

The Ministry of MSME, has proposed to set up 100 "Business Incubators" in Technology (Host) Institutions. The Ministry provides financial assistance between Rs.4 lakh and Rs.8 lakh per idea/unit.

FICCI IPR DIVISION

Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Division at FICCI is intensively involved in issues pertaining to protection and enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights. It has taken a lead role in raising awareness on Intellectual Property Rights amongst the citizens of India along with various capacity building and training programmes for the industry, judiciary and enforcement agencies. Further, the IPR division is a platform for continuous interaction between the industry and the Government with a view to provide an interface for the businesses to resolve their various issues pertaining to IPRs. Most importantly, it also provides constructive inputs and feedback to the Government on policy related matters.

ACTIVITIES

Facilitate the Industry

Providing strategic policy and advice
Increasing awareness about the role of Intellectual Property in today's knowledge economy
Training police and custom officers on effective protection of Intellectual Property Rights
Sensitizing Judiciary on adjudication of IP disputes
Ensuring enhanced effectiveness of Intellectual Property Rights

Facilitate the Government

Providing Policy Development through continuous research and global networking
Assisting Intellectual Property Offices in raising their standards at par with International level
Providing with inputs on current IP issues and on effective protection of national interests at International fora
Reviewing the existing IP regulations /legislations and advise amendments, if any
Providing blue prints of Strategies for Developing a Vibrant IP culture related to Geographical Indication, Patents, Designs and Trade Marks



Initiatives

- Task Force on Traditional Knowledge
- Consultative Working Group on Copyrights
- Anti piracy Coordination Cell
- Member to Advisory Board on Patents/ Designs/ Trade Marks System in India set up by CGPDTM
- Industry Inputs on Proposed National IPR Strategy
- Pilot Study on IPR Issues of Indian MSME Ayurvedic Industry
- IPR Magazine

IPR Team

FICCI IPR team comprises of technical and legal persons having enormous experience in the field of IPR. They are experienced in conducting prior art searches, patent drafting, office actions, filing IP applications, etc. The team is well equipped to provide expert advice on the queries on IPR. Also, the IPR Division has external consultants having years of experience in IPR.



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