

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:341  
ANSWERED ON:23.12.2008  
PATENTING OF INVENTIONS  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether patenting of inventions in the country is on the rise;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the sectors which have registered increase in patenting during the said period;
- (d) whether patenting originated from India is less as compared to those from foreign countries; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) to (e) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 FOR ANSWER ON 23.12.2008

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Details of the patent applications received and the patents granted by the Indian Patent Office in the last three years and the current year are given below:

Year	Patent applications filed			Patents granted		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
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2005-06	4521	19984	24505	1396	2924	4320
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2006-07	5314	23626	28940	1907	5632	7539
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2007-08	6040	29178	35218	3173	12088	15261
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2008-09#3865	17699	21564	2112	5863	7975	
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(Upto 31.10.2008)

# Provisional figures

(c): There has been an increase in patenting activity in the country in almost all the sectors during the period as can be seen from the details given below:

Sector 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09 (till 31 October, 2008)

(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

Chemical 1140 1989 4071 1583

Drug 457 798 1469 790

Food 140 244 88 147

Electrical 451 787 1078 390

Mechanical 1448 2526 3230 1618

Computer/  
Electronics 136 237 2052 1105

Biotechnology 51 89 314 335

General 497 869 2959 2007

Total 4320 7539 15261 7975

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): Though, the proportion of domestic patent applications and patent grants is less as compared to those from foreign countries, there has been a constant rise in the domestic patenting activity. The details are as in the table given in reply to parts (a) and (b) above.