

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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PATENT SIMPLIFICATION FUND
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount allocated, sanctioned and utilized under the Technology Development Programme by Patent Simplifying Centres/ Cells during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to set up a Patent Simplification Fund;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the main objectives thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has reviewed the likely effects on the indigenous trade as a result of the setting up of such centres/fund; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (e): Madam, there is no proposal to set up a Patent Simplification Fund by the Ministry. However the Department of Science and Technology under Technology Development Programme (TDP) has been providing funding support to Patent Facilitation Cell (PFC) in Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) to create awareness on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), patent search services, patent filing etc. In addition, under PFC, 24 Patent Information Centres (PICs) are also supported in various states for creating awareness and extend assistance on protecting Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) including patent, copyright, geographical indication etc. at state level. These PICs are also creating Intellectual Property Cells in Universities (IPCU) of their respective states. As of now 84 IPCU's have been created in different universities of the states. Apart the budget of PFC is also utilized for supporting 24 PIC in different State S&T Councils in the country. The Details on the amount allocated, sanctioned and utilized by PFC during the last two years and the current year is given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)				
Year	Allocation	Sanctioned	Utilized	
2010-11	200.00	180.62	175.38	
2011-12	250.00	186.49	131.16	
2012-13	up to Nov.12	298.00#	197.19	55.33
Total	748.00	564.30	361.77	

Includes a budget of Rs.20.00 lakhs each for SC and ST component.