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Ministry of Micro, Small  
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# IP FACILITATION CENTRE FOR MSME

**T**he Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in association with the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), Government of India, has set up 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 is in Delhi. The Delhi office has links to all FICCI state offices, especially, to offices in Jaipur, Hyderabad, Chennai, Mumbai, Kolkata, Bangalore, etc., enabling the Facilitation Center to cater to the IP needs of MSMEs all over India.

## SERVICES OFFERED

### 1. General Advisory

The Center provides general advisory on protection and filing of the IP applications, at appropriate national and international IP offices and also provides information on best IPR Practices.

### 2. Prior Art Search

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

### 3. IP Applications Drafting & Filing

Facilitate drafting and filing of complete/ provisional specifications for inventions, applications for trademark, copyrights etc. in collaboration with experts and professionals.

### 4. Prosecution of Patent and Trademark Applications

The Center 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.

Patents

Trademarks

Designs

Copyright

Geographical Indications

Commercialisation of IP

## BACKDROP

The MSMEs are backbone of the country's socio-economic development through its contribution in providing employment, manufacturing products, exports, etc. Today's knowledge driven economy mandates Intellectual Property (IP) to be well protected. This further promotes innovations and provides a competitive advantage. The Government of India based on inputs for several quarters felt that MSME's are unable to protect their Intellectual Property (IP) to the desired levels. Therefore, Centers for IP Facilitation are being set up.

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## 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 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.

