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INDIAN PATENT OFFICE STATISTICS FOR 2008-2009

The Indian Patent Office has published its Annual Report for 2008-2009. The salient points of the Annual Report include statistics for 2008-2009 for patent filing, composition of the patent offices, patent grants, foreign filing license, working report, compulsory licenses, pre-grant and post-grant oppositions.

Patent Filing

The total number of applications for patents filed in 2008-2009 was **36812**, a 5% increase from the 35218 applications filed in 2008-2007. Out of the 36812 patent applications filed in 2008-2009, only **6161** patent applications were by Indian Applicants.

The **top 10 Major Indian Applicants** are:

| S. No. | Name of Applicant | Applications Filed |
|--------|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Samsung India Software Operations | 205 |
| 2 | Council of Scientific and Industrial Research | 165 |
| 3 | Dr. Reddy's Laboratories | 147 |
| 4 | Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. | 119 |
| 5 | Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited | 101 |
| 6 | Indian Institute of Technology | 91 |
| 7 | Infosys Technologies Ltd | 81 |
| 8 | Avesthagen Limited | 66 |
| 9 | Tata Steel | 65 |
| 10 | Cadila Healthcare Ltd | 57 |

The **Top 10 Foreign Applicants** are:

| Sl. NO. | Name of Organisation | Number of Applications |
|----------------|--|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Qualcomm Incorporation | 252 |
| 2 | Thomson Licensing | 221 |
| 3 | Novartis AG | 226 |
| 4 | Astrazeneca AB | 190 |
| 5 | Telefonaktiebolaget Lm Ericsson (PUBL) | 176 |
| 6 | General Electric Company | 174 |
| 7 | Nokia Corporation | 173 |
| 8 | The Procter & Gamble Company | 157 |
| 9 | Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications AB | 104 |
| 10 | Sony Corporation | 102 |

The number of convention applications filed by foreign applicants in 2008-2009 was **4264**. Majority of the foreign applications were filed through the PCT National Phase route, The number of such applications filed in 2008-2009 was **25,706**.

PCT International applications filed by Indian Applicants

During the year **887** international applications were filed by Indian applicants using the PCT system.

Granted Patents

The Indian Patent Office granted **16061** patents in 2008-2009.

Top Indian Patentees

| Sl. NO. | Name of Organization | Number of Applications |
|----------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Council of scientific and industrial research | 696 |
| 2 | Defence research & development organization | 57 |
| 3 | Bharat heavy electricals limited | 28 |
| 4 | Steel authority of India limited | 19 |
| 5 | Indian institute of technology | 14 |
| 6 | Ranbaxy laboratories limited | 10 |

Top Foreign Resident Patentees

| S. No. | Name of Organization | Number of Patents |
|---------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | General Electric Company | 77 |
| 2 | Sony Corporation | 73 |
| 3 | The Procter 7 Gamble Company | 62 |
| 4 | Telefonaktiebolaget LM Ericsson | 53 |
| 5 | Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha | 47 |

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|---|------------------------------|----|
| 6 | Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd. | 32 |
| 7 | Praxair Technology, Inc. | 31 |
| 8 | Astrazeneca AB | 25 |
| 9 | Motorola, Inc. | 23 |

The number of patents in force was **30,822** as on 31st March 2009.

Pre-Grant and Post-Grant Patent Oppositions

During 2008-2009, 40749 patent applications were published under Section 11A and only **153 pre-grant** oppositions were filed under section 25(1) of the Patents Act 1970.

71 post-grant oppositions were filed during 2008-2009. However, only 7 post-grant oppositions were disposed off during the year.

Foreign Filing Licenses (Permission under Section 39)

1847 applications requesting permission for filing applications outside India were filed out of which 1844 were allowed.

Inventions in the field of Atomic Energy

30 Applications were referred to the Department of Atomic Energy in 2008-2009, for review under section 4 of the Patents Act 1970, out of which 21 applications were allowed to proceed under normal course of official action during the year, 2 applications are still pending with the Department of Atomic Energy for opinion and 7 applications were refused by the Department and therefore were held to be non-patentable.

Secrecy direction (under Section 35)

Secrecy direction was imposed on 60 applications. In case of 21 applications the secrecy directions imposed earlier were revoked, while 12 applications are still awaiting opinion and 27 cases have been cleared by the Ministry of Defence.

Working of Patents (under Section 83)

According to the Working Reports submitted by the patentee or their authorised agents, 4752 patents were shown to be commercially working.

This is the only information regarding Working Reports that has been published.

Compulsory Licensing (under Section 84, Section 92 & 92A)

No requests were received for grant of compulsory license under section 84 and 92. However, 2 requests for grant of compulsory license for export of patented pharmaceutical products under section 92-A were received and were disposed off.

The Patent Office has also published details of the technical field of specialisation of examiners working as on 31st March 2009

| BROAD TECHNICAL FIELD OF SPECIALISATION | NUMBER OF EXAMINERS |
|--|----------------------------|
| Agriculture | - |
| Biochemistry | 05 |
| Bio-Informatics | - |
| Bio-Technology | 09 |
| B-Pharma | 03 |
| Chemistry | 13 |
| Civil Engineering | 04 |
| Computer Science | 05 |
| Electrical Engineering | 04 |
| Electronics and Tele Communication Engineering | 07 |
| Mechanical Engineering | 04 |
| Metallurgy | 03 |
| Microbiology | 11 |
| Physics | 03 |
| Polymer Science | 01 |
| Production and Industrial Engineering. | - |
| Textile Engineering | 02 |
| Veterinary | - |
| Any other field of specialization | 01 |
| | |
| TOTAL | 75 |

DESIGN STATISTICS IN INDIA FOR 2008-2009

Designs Filing

The number of applications filed for registration of designs during 2008-2009 was **6557**, a marginal increase from the 6402 applications filed in 2007-2008. Indian applicants filed **4308** applications, while **2249** applications were filed by foreign applicants.

The **top Major Indian Applicants** were:

- 1 . Bilcare Ltd.
- 2 . Crompton Greaves Ltd.
- 3 . Anjanta Ltd.
- 4 . Tata Motors
- 5 . Maa Designs Pvt. Ltd.
- 6 . Cello Plastic
- 7 . Eicher Goodearth Ltd.
- 8 . Jaipur Rugs Co. Pvt. Ltd.
- 9 . Punita Trrikha
- 10 . Nayasa Homeware
- 11 . National Institute of Design
- 12 . Nilkamal

Examination of Design Applications

All 6557 applications, as well as 1214 pending applications were taken up for examination during the year.

Registered Designs

The number of designs registered in the year was **4772**. Out of total registered designs, **2985** applications originated in India and the remaining **1787** were received from abroad.

(The above data should not be considered complete or comprehensive and is subject to errors)