



NATIONAL IP STRATEGY – A WAY FORWARD

New Delhi, April 26, 2010: **Mr. Rajinder Pal Singh, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry** while addressing the conference on **National IP Strategy organized by FICCI, in association with Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP), Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, commented FICCI's efforts in organizing the conference on a topic of great importance to country and in bringing in representatives from WIPO, US, EU, Japan, etc, enabling to share their experiences as to how national IP strategy can assist in improving and strengthening the IPR regime.

He highlighted the following issues:

- There is need to bring in change about perception of IP by bringing in more awareness about IP and by initiating measures to achieve larger public interest and fair balance of IP
 - In future if there is any need to implement measures related to compulsory licensing proper guidelines should be in place.
- There is need to reward a person who has spent his intellect, time and energy but fair balance between the interest of the owner and the public should be ensured
- There is need to analyze how other countries have used IP regime to their advantage.
- There is huge uproar about climate change and a way should be identified for transfer of technology in the interest of the world at large and the developing world particularly.
- The secretary also stressed on the need to upgrade the infrastructure and said that around 350 crores have been budgeted for this purpose.
- He also suggested that we need to explore ways reduce the backlog of IP applications

Mr P H Kurian, Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks apprised the participants that the Patent Office has made available online the complete patent specification with effect from April 26, 2010. This facility will also enable to understand all the details of about an application, such as, the filing date, any objection raised against the application, etc.

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