

India (IN) Coverage

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Kinds of Protection

Patents of Invention	Granted for a term of 20 years from submission date; application has to be published within one month after expiry of 18-month statutory period for the filing or priority application, whichever is earlier
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Convention & Treaty Membership

Patent Cooperation Treaty	07.12.1998
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Signatory of:	Paris Convention (Stockholm wording) Budapest Treaty World Intellectual Property Organization World Trade Organization
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Filing for Patents

India has four regional patent offices in Delhi, Kolkata (Head Office), Mumbai and Chennai. All patent activities can be carried on by all the patent offices.

Under the Patents Act, an invention means "A new product or process involving an inventive step and also capable of being made or used in the industry". For an invention to be patentable it should be technical in nature and should meet the following criteria: it should be novel, contain an inventive step, and be industrially applicable.

Applications may be made by the inventor(s) and/or their assignee, or a legal representative if the inventor/assignee is deceased.

Applications must be filed in English or Hindi, with an abstract of no more than 150 words.

An international application under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* designating India requires the applicant to file with the Indian Patent Office within 31 months of the priority date. If an application is not filed in one of the official languages, a translation is required.

Applicants must request for a patent application to be examined. This must be done within 48 months of the filing date.

Where no request is made in the timeframe, the application will be treated as withdrawn and cannot be revived.

A pre-grant opposition must be filed within six months from the date of publication of the application or before the grant of the patent.

DWPI Coverage

Kind		DWPI Start Dates
A	Pre-grant application filed after 1 January 2016	29 July 2016
B	Pre-opposition granted applications	1 January 2000
I1	Pre-grant application: Delhi (DEL)	21 January 2005
I2	Pre-grant application: Kolkata (KOL) <i>formerly Calcutta (CAL)</i>	4 December 2004
I3	Pre-grant application: Mumbai (MUM) <i>formerly Bombay (BOM)</i>	11 December 2004
I4	Pre-grant application: Chennai (CHE) <i>formerly Madras (MAS)</i>	28 January 2005
P1	National phase PCT application: Delhi (DEL)	21 January 2005
P2	National phase PCT application: Kolkata (KOL) <i>formerly Calcutta (CAL)</i>	4 December 2004
P3	National phase PCT application: Mumbai (MUM) <i>formerly Bombay (BOM)</i>	11 December 2004
P4	National phase PCT application: Chennai (CHE) <i>formerly Madras (MAS)</i>	11 December 2004

Note that the numbers used in identifying the regional offices above are not the same as those used by The Indian Patent Office for filings from January 2016.

DWPI Data elements online	Notes
✓ Bibliographic data	
✓ English value-add title and abstract	
✓ Original title and abstract	2009 onwards (I1-I4)
✓ Claims	
✓ Manual Codes	Chemical (CPI) and Electrical (EPI)
✓ Chemical Indexing	DCR, Chemical Fragmentation, Polymer and Markush

Numeration

Kind Code – A

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
YYYYJTNNNNNN	INYYYYJTNNNNNN	INYYYYJTNNNNNN	INYYYYJTNNNNNN	INYYYYJTNNNNNN
201614000003	IN201614000003	IN201614000003	IN201614000003	IN201614000003

Application numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
YYYYJTNNNNNN	INYYYYJTNNNNNNA	INYYYYJTNNNNNN	YYYY-INJTNNNNNNA	INYYYY-JTNNNNNN
201614000003	IN201614000003A	IN201614000003	2016-IN14000003	IN2016-14000003

YYYY

Year

J Numeric code designating the regional office (1 Delhi; 2 Mumbai; 3 Kolkata; 4 Chennai)

T Numeric code for the type of application (1 "Ordinary"; 2 "Ordinary" Divisional; 3 "Ordinary" Patent of Addition; 4 Convention; 5 Convention Divisional; 6 Convention Patent of Addition; 7 PCT national phase; 8 PCT Divisional; 9 PCT Patent of Addition)

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Serial number of six digits

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Kind Code – B

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
nnnnnn	INnnnnnn	IN nnnnnn	INnnnnnn	INnnnnnn
183422	IN183422	IN 183422	IN183422	IN183422

nnnnnn

6 digit serial number

Kind Codes – I1, I2, I3, I4 (National filings)

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
Nnnnn/LLL/YYYY	INYYYYnnnnnKK	IN YYYYnnnnn	INYYYYnnnnn	INYYYYXXnnnnn
99/DEL/2010	IN201000099I1	IN 201000099	IN201000099	IN2010DE00099

Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
Nnnnn/LLL/YYYY	INYYYYXXNnnnnA	IN YYYYXXNnnnn	YYYYIN-XXnnnnn	INYYYY-XXNnnnn
99/DEL/2010	IN2010DE99A	IN 2010DE99	2010IN-DE00099	IN2010-DE99

Kind Codes – P1, P2, P3, P4 (PCT filings)

Publication Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published to December 2003</i>				
IN/PCT/YYYY/nnnnn/LLL	INYYYYnnnnnKK	IN YYYYnnnnn	INYYYYnnnnn	INYYYYXNnnnnn
IN/PCT/2002/00061/DEL	IN200200061P1	IN 200200061	IN200200061	IN2002DN00061
<i>Published from January 2004</i>				
Nnnnn/LLLNP/YYYY	INYYYYnnnnnKK	IN YYYYnnnnn	INYYYYnnnnn	IN YYYYXXnnnnn
6612/CHENP/2010	IN201006612P4	IN 201006612	IN201006612	IN 2010CN06612

Application Numbers				
Original Data	Derwent Innovation	Dialog	Questel	STN
<i>Published to December 2003</i>				
IN/PCT/YYYY/nnnnn/LLL	INYYYYXNnnnnA	IN YYYYXNnnnn	YYYYIN-XNnnnn	INYYYY-XNnnnn
IN/PCT/2001/00616/MUM	IN2001MN616A	IN 2001MN616	2001IN-CN00616	IN2001-MN616
<i>Published from January 2004</i>				
Nnnnn/LLLNP/YYYY	INYYYYXNnnnnA	IN YYYYXNnnnn	YYYYIN-XNnnnn	INYYYY-XNnnnn
2400/KOLNP/2011	IN2011KN2400A	IN 2011KN2400	2011IN-KN02400	IN2011-KN2400

- YYYY 4 digit year
- NP Denotes PCT transfer
- LLL 3-letter regional patent office code
- XX 2-letter abbreviated office code (DE, CH, KO, MU)
- XN 1-letter abbreviated office code plus N for PCT transfer (DN, CN, KN, MN)
- nnnnn 5 digit serial number
- Nnnnn Up to 5 digit serial number
- KK Kind code