



CSE332 INDUSTRY ETHICS AND LEGAL ISSUES



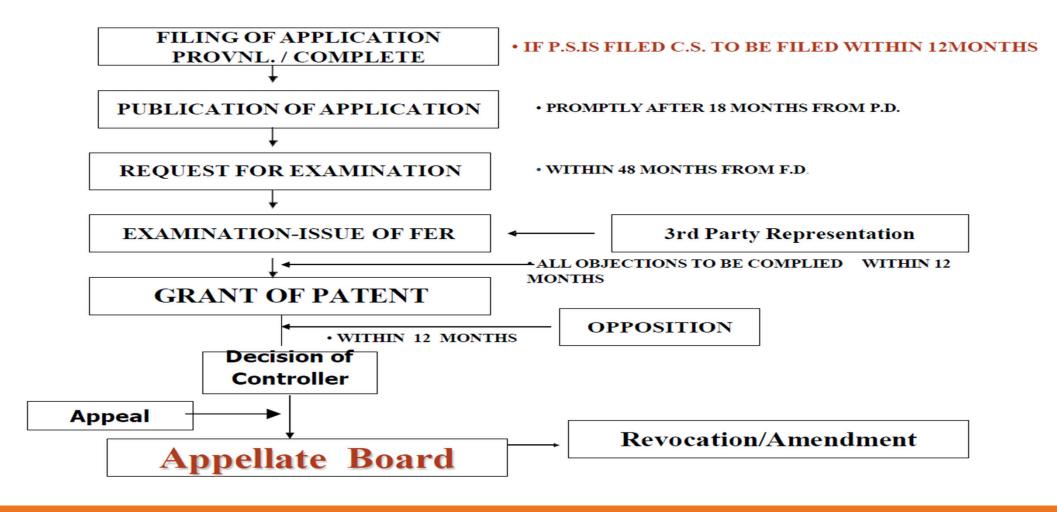


-Patents





Stages from filing to grant of a patent







Publication and Examination

Rule24-B:Examinationofapplication

Examination request for divisional application:

- 1. 48 months from filing date or priority date, whichever or 6 months from further application filing.
- 2. Controller refers to Examiner within 1 month from publication or examination request receipt date whichever is earlier.
- 3. Examiner prepares report in 1-3 months.





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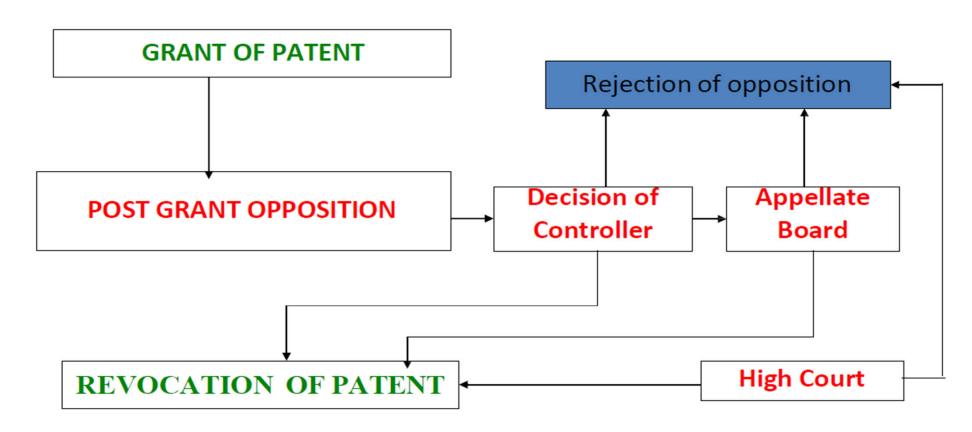
Rule24-B:Examinationofapplication(contd.)

- 1. Controller disposes examiner's report within one month of receipt.
- 2. First Examination Report sent within 6 months of examination request or publication.
- 3. If objections are raised, the applicant **must reply**.
- 4. If all requirements are met, the patent is **granted and published** in the patent journal..





A PROCEDURE FROM FILING TO GRANT OF PATENT (Cont.)







IMPORTANT FEES IN DIFFERENT PROCEEDINGS

Proceeding	Individual (₹)	Legal Entity (₹)
Application for Grant of Patent	1,000	4,000
Request for Examination of Application	2,500	10,000
Request for Publication	2,500	10,000
Substitution of Applicant	500	2,000
Notice of Opposition	1,500	6,000
Restoration of Lapsed Patent	1,500	6,000
Renewal Fees (for 20 years)	48,000	192,000

Note: Professional Patent Drafting costs approximately ₹30,000





DUTIES OF PATENTEE

Maintenance of the patent

Pay renewal fees

Every year till the end of the term

Time limit:

before end of the preceeding year (6months extn. Available)

Working of the patents:

Inventions are to be worked in India on commercial scale Failing which compulsory license may be issued





Patent Infringement

- 1. Demand the infringer stop & pay damages for past infringement.
- 2. Offer a "Royalty"
- 3. Ignore the infringement or postpone action.
- 4. File a patent infringement lawsuit in court





Litigation vs Licensing

If the objective is to stop a competitor from offering a product that infringes one's patent.

If the objective is to obtain royalty for the use of one's invention.

Alternatives To Litigation



Litigations are costly and timely
Alternative dispute resolutions (ADR) include **Mediation** & **Arbitration**

Mediation: A neutral third party helps the patent owner and the alleged infringer reach a voluntary agreement.

Arbitration: A legally binding decision is made by an arbitrator, which is usually faster and cheaper than litigation.





Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights(TRIPS) in the World Trade Organization Compliance

TRIPS Agreement elevated IPR protection internationally binding.

India signed TRIPS Agreement in 1995 and implemented required changes.

India passed TRIPS-compliant IP laws for trademarks, copyright, designs, GI, and integrated circuits.