After world War II. Many global organizations came into being for development of Economy.

They were World Trade Organization

World intellectual Property organization

In order to enable trade across countries, General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs GATT was initiated.

Later, Intellectual Property was also brought into scheme under TRIPS.

TRIPS is Trade Related intellectual Property Rights. This brought about a lot of commonality among countries in handling IP related issues.

PCT refers to Patent Co-operation Treaty – which talks about giving priority and protection to inventors in all member countries as in the inventor’s own country.

In order to meet the TRIPS requirement, Indian Patent system had to be amended.

We had to move from Process patent to Product Patent.

The impending period of transition of ten years was under a mail box facility to keep product patent application pending till the next five year block. Till such time, applicants could be given Exclusive Marketing Right (EMR).

Our Patents were amended as below.

Patents Act 1970- amended in 1999, 2002, 2005

Patent Rules, 1972- Amended in 2003, 2005, 2006.

**From 1.1.1995**

Mil box facility

Exclusive Marketing Rights

**From 1.1.2000,**

Patent term increased to 20 years

Inclusion of inventive step in definition of invention

Elaboration on rights of patentee to include Importation.

**From 1.1. 2005**

Product patents for food , chemical and pharma products.