

**INDIA – PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICAL AND
AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL PRODUCTS**

Status Report by India

Addendum

The following communication, dated 5 February 1999, from the Permanent Mission of India to the Dispute Settlement Body, is circulated pursuant to Article 21.6 of the DSU.

Status Report on the Implementation of the Recommendations and Rulings in the
Dispute regarding India – Patent Protection for Pharmaceutical and
Agricultural Chemical Products

As mentioned in the status report submitted to the DSB in document WT/DS50/10/Add.1 dated 14 January 1999, the Patents Ordinance was promulgated by the Government of India on 8 January 1999. Furthermore, as stated therein, a bill to replace the ordinance will be introduced in the Budget session of the Indian Parliament which is likely to commence in the fourth week of February 1999. The matter would continue to remain in the legislative domain till the legislation is approved by Parliament.

India will certainly continue to report any significant developments to the DSB as and when they occur.
