

Industrial R&D Promotion Programme: Recognition Of In-House R&D Units

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DSIR is the nodal department for granting recognition to in-house R&D units established by corporate companies, Scientific and Industrial Research Organizations (SIROs) and registration to publicly funded research Institutions like universities, IITs, IISc, and Regional Engineering College (RECs) other than hospitals.

Benefits The Government of India has announced a number of fiscal incentives for research and development by industry from time to time and many of these incentives are implemented through DSIR. The In-house R&D units recognised by DSIR are not only eligible for these incentives (wherever applicable) but also for receiving funds for R&D from other government departments and agencies such as DST, DBT, Deity, MoEF, MNRE, MoFPI, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, TDB where recognition to the in-house R&D centre by DSIR is a requirement.

Eligibility For Corporate Industries The applicant should be a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956 or 2013. The company shall be eligible for consideration only after the completion of three financial years after formation. The applicant should have a regular source of income for at least the last two years to sustain the business and this needs to be elaborated in the application. The companies seeking recognition for their in-house R&D units should be engaged in manufacturing or production or in rendering technical services. Companies fully engaged in contract research are also eligible for consideration provided independent infrastructure is available for research activities. Those engaged in research only at present but have plans to start manufacture at a later date may also be considered for the recognition, if there is a potential. The R&D unit(s) should not be located in residential areas but should be operating on-premises authorized by the relevant Central/State Government. (Proof for such authorization needs to be furnished). Independent infrastructure for research activities and adequate technically qualified manpower should be available (Minimum area for the R&D activities should be at least 1000 sq. ft.). At the time of application, the R&D unit(s) should be functional and should have well-defined, time-bound R&D programmes leading to the development of innovative products and/or technology(ies).

For Biotech Start-Ups The applicant should be a Biotech start-up company conducting high-end research with a scope for generating IPs and revenues out of it. The start-up should have qualified R&D manpower and a basic minimum R&D infrastructure. The Company should have focused research objectives based on innovative and recent advanced technologies, a clear business model and sources of funds for sustainability. The Company should furnish documents/details of collaborations, agreements, MOUs etc. with the Incubator Centre or Technology Parks. The Company should furnish a list of Biotechnology-based project proposals submitted/approved for Government of India funding.

Other Criteria for Recognition The company must spell out a long-term R&D policy which should be displayed prominently in the in-house R&D unit(s). R&D activities should be separate from routine activities of the firm, such as, production and quality control. The units should have separate & identifiable infrastructure for carrying out R&D work. It is preferable that the in-house R&D unit(s) be located outside the factory premises, or it may be located in a separate building within the factory premises or it may be located on a separate floor. In the case of small companies, the R&D unit may be located in a separate room or area. The R&D activities should be clearly demarcated from the manufacturing/quality control activities. The R&D units should have well-defined, time-bound R&D programmes. The unit should maintain a proper record of its R&D activities in the form of documentation. The units should have qualified staff exclusively engaged in R&D and should be headed by a full-time qualified & experienced R&D person who has direct access to the Chief Executive or to the Board of Directors, depending on the size of the company. The number of R&D manpower should be commensurate with the S&T manpower size of the company. The R&D units should maintain separate books of accounts for all the R&D expenditures. Expenditure should be booked when incurred and not allocated. The company should reflect the R&D expenditure (both capital & revenue) in the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the company in separate schedules. The R&D expenditure incurred should be commensurate with the financial size of the company.

Application Process Online

Step 1: The companies desirous of seeking recognition for their in-house R&D units should apply to DSIR online through the DSIR website or through the Portal.

Step 2: After successful submission of the online application, the companies are required to submit a cover letter, a completely filled-in application form (signed by Managing Director / any Director on Board) along with requisite Annexures in pdf format (in a single attachment less than 20 MB) to the email of Dr. P.K. Dutta, Scientist  and Head RDI, DSIR (pkdutta@nic.in).

NOTE 1: It is informed that the companies interested to apply for DSIR in-house R&D recognition for their in-house R&D unit(s) need not submit the hard copy of the application to DSIR.

NOTE 2: For any software-related problems please write to: dsirsupport@tekmindz.com or by clicking on the customer support on the right-hand top corner.

Documents Required Complete one e-application (.pdf, generated by the system) signed by the MD/whole-time Director of the company. A walk-in CD containing a corporate presentation, a presentation covering the R&D unit & its activities. Latest annual report of the company. A note on the R&D activities of the R&D unit(s), highlighting the ongoing & proposed research activities, and details of past achievements/ completed research projects. A brief write-up on some of the major past achievements, and ongoing and future projects. Details of scientific personnel working in the R&D unit(s) along with qualifications & designation. Details of infrastructure available for research giving the date of installation & value of all major facilities. Layout drawing of the R&D unit vis-À-vis the plant/production unit. A copy of the memorandum & Articles of Association of the company (in case of newly formed companies).

NOTE: All attachments to the online applications must be in the .pdf file format only.

Frequently Asked Questions

What Is The Objective Of The "Recognition Of In-House R&D Units" Scheme? The objective of the "Recognition of In-House R&D Units" Scheme is to grant recognition & registration to in-house R&D units established by the corporate industry.

What Shall Be The Engagements Of The In-House R&D Units? The In-house R&D units are expected to be engaged in innovative research & development activities related to the line of business of the firm.

What Are Some Examples Of Engagements In The Research For Increased Efficiency In The Use Of Resources? Some examples of engagements in the research for increased efficiency in the use of resources are: capital equipment, materials & energy; pollution control, effluent treatment & recycling of waste products or any other areas of research. This is the only scheme in the entire government set-up for benchmarking industrial R&D.

What Is The Full Name Of SIRO? The full name of SIRO is "Scientific and Industrial Research Organization". Which Publicly Funded Research Institutions Are Covered In This Scheme? The following publicly funded research Institutions are covered: universities, IITs, IISc, and Regional Engineering College (RECs) other than hospitals.

Other Than The Fiscal Incentives, What Other Benefits Are Provided Through This Scheme? The In-house R&D units

recognised by DSIR are eligible for these incentives (wherever applicable). Also, for receiving funds for R&D from other government departments and agencies such as DST, DBT, Deity, MoEF, MNRE, MoFPI, CSIR, ICMR, ICAR, and TDB where recognition to the in-house R&D centre by DSIR is a requirement.

What Is The URL Of The Call Letter For Renewal Of Recognition? The URL of the Call Letter For Renewal Of Recognition is: <https://dsir.gov.in/sites/default/files/2022-11/rdiren23le.pdf>

In What Domains Should The Companies Seeking Recognition For Their In-House R&D Units Be Engaged In? The companies seeking recognition for their in-house R&D units should be engaged in manufacturing or production or in rendering technical services.

What Is The Infrastructure-Related Eligibility Criteria For Corporate Industries? Independent infrastructure for research activities and adequate technically qualified manpower should be available (Minimum area for the R&D activities should be at least 1000 sq. ft.).

Is A Hard Copy Of The Application Required To Be Sent To DSIR? It is informed that the companies interested to apply for DSIR in-house R&D recognition for their in-house R&D unit(s) need not submit the hard copy of the application to DSIR.

To Whom Should The Application Be Sent? The companies are required to submit a cover letter, a completely filled-in application form (signed by Managing Director / any Director on Board) along with requisite Annexures in pdf format (in a single attachment less than 20 MB) to the email of Dr. P.K. Dutta, Scientist ^{in-charge} and Head RDI, DSIR (pkdutta@nic.in)

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