OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the Meeting of Sectoral Innovation Council on IPRs held on 21st August, 2012.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the minutes of the meeting of the Sectoral Innovation Council on IPRs held under the Chairmanship of Secretary, DIPP on the 21st August, 2012.

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MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING OF THE SECTORAL INNOVATION COUNCIL ON IPRs HELD ON 21ST AUGUST, 2012.

The Third meeting of the Sectoral Innovation Council on IPRs was held on 21st August, 2012 under the Chairmanship of Secretary(IPP). The agenda for the meeting was to discuss the Draft National IPR Strategy prepared by this Department on the basis of the comments received from the members of the Council and already circulated to them.

2. The details of the members of the Council or their representatives those attended the meeting are given at Annexure.

3. JS(DVP) welcomed the Members of the Council and invited them to deliberate upon the draft of the National IPR strategy prepared by this Department.

4. Dr. Anil Gupta mentioned the following points for consideration by the Council -

(i) The Draft prepared by DIPP on the National IPR strategy is very much informative and comprehensive. However, in order to make the draft more effective, the same is to be adapted to the local conditions and developmental needs of the country with respect to IPR Eco system.

(ii) The provisions for transfer of IPRs must be reviewed and there should be the provisions for transfer of IPRs only from one individual to another individual and not for transfer from one individual to a company.

(iii) The Traditional Knowledge of the country should be made reasonably accessible to the Universities and research Institutions etc.

(iv) There should be a fast tracking system for registration of patents for green technology.

(v) There is an urgent need of a Incubation Fund with a view to provide assistance in R&D and Acquisition of IPRs.

5. Secretary(IPP) mentioned about the recommendations made in the National Manufacturing Policy issued by this Department for establishment of a Technology Acquisition and Development Fund. He stated that the said fund is being established for acquisition of appropriate technologies including environment friendly technologies and also for development of domestic manufacturing of the equipments used for pollution control and energy efficiency. The fund will also take care of creation of a patent pool for the said purpose. The SMEs will be given access to the patent pool and also reimbursement of the cost incurred into technology acquisition up to a maximum of Rs. 20 lakh. The fund will provide incentives for developing equipments and technologies used to produce energy from renewable resources. These incentives shall consists of 5-10% capital subsidy.
6. Secretary (IPP) further stated that several other funds and schemes are already in place for promotion of R&D, Innovation and Acquisition of IPRs. Secretary (IPP) stated that many Public Sector Undertakings, such as BHEL are incurring substantial expenditure on R&D. These may be listed along with salient features and widely published.

7. Dr. P.L. Gautam, welcomed the initiatives for establishment of TKDL and the work done by CSIR for the same. He suggested that a register should be maintained for the products developed on the basis of Traditional Knowledge. He further suggested that the patent granted by the Indian Patent office should be communicated to various Universities/Institutions for capacity building in students as well as teachers of Science & Technology.

8. Dr. Karuna Jain mentioned that the objectives of framing the national IPR strategy is not very clear. She suggested that the terms, 'Innovative economy' should be defined properly and specific deliberables with time lines should be prescribed to achieve the same. She suggested that there should be a IP depository in place for technologies used in development of products. She further, suggested that there should be integration amongst the various schemes initiated for promotion of R&D and acquisition of IPR by different Ministries/Departments as like Ministry of Science and Technology, Department of Bio-technology, Department of IT and Ministry of SMEs, etc.

9. Prof. Ranbir Singh mentioned that the existing legal framework for IPRs in the country is one of the best in the World. But, the awareness about the benefits of acquisition of IPRs in the general public and small scale industries is very low. He suggested that the Law Colleges in the country will have to play a very crucial role in promotion/awareness in respect of IPRs in students as well as general public in the country. He suggested that there is a need to maintain a dossier for interpretation of various decision of Courts on IPRs related issues.

10. Mr. Praful Naik supported the suggestion of Dr. Anil Gupta for fast tracking of registration of patents competence for green technology and added that the same fast tracking system should also be prescribed for food technology. He further mentioned that mega innovations need huge funds. The various schemes for funding innovations launched by the different Ministries/Departments of Government of India do not meet the requirements of the industry and research institutions in the country.

11. JS(DVP) mentioned that most of the suggestions given by the members of the council in the meeting are related to the execution aspects within the present legal framework of IPRs and requested the members to furnish specific suggestions regarding the IPR strategy to the government of India. He indicated that the present paper on the national IPR strategy is only a
draft, which will be modified on the basis of comments received from the remaining members of the Council. He opined that the modified draft paper needs to be circulated to the subject experts of different fields of IPRs. He added that the draft paper will be hosted on the website of DIPP by the 3rd week of September, 2012 for seeking inputs from stakeholders and will be refined on the basis of the comments received. The document will also be circulated to the Inter-ministerial Group on IPRs for specific comments before finalization of the draft.

12. Secretary(IPP) concluded the meeting with the suggestion that the Sectoral Innovation Council on IPRs may be re-constituted with a view to include the representatives from the industry and academia who could participate actively in the meetings of the Council.