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ON

**CONTINUATION OF THE SCHEME OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY EDUCATION,
RESEARCH AND PUBLIC OUTREACH
(IPERPO) IN THE XII FIVE YEAR PLAN 2012-17**

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Introduction:

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education, Copyright Division constituted a three member committee to evaluate the Central Scheme of Intellectual Property Education, Research and Public Outreach (IPERPO) for continuing the same in the 12th plan period consisting of Prof. Sudhir K. Jain, Head, MHRD-IPR Chair, IIT Delhi; Shri T.C. James, former Director, DIPP and Shri J.R. Agrawal, former Director (Fin), Ministry of HRD vide its OM No 5-6/2012 – IC dated 12.09.2012. This was done following the directions of the Planning & Monitoring Bureau of the Ministry of HRD vide O.M.No.8-32/2011-P&M dated 23.08.2012 to conduct a comprehensive, in-depth and independent evaluation of an ongoing Central Scheme (CS), before its continuation in the XII Plan. The evaluation and scrutiny of the scheme should *inter alia*, yield recommendations with regard to the following:

- i. Whether the Scheme needs to be continued in XII Plan or dissolved forthwith;
- ii. In case it is to be continued, then:
 - a). Need for improvements;
 - b). Phasing of Expenditure in the XII Plan for each component of the Scheme;
 - c). Setting of physical and financial milestones/targets for the XII Plan for each component.

2. Objectives of the evaluation:

- To study the impact of the scheme on the teaching, learning and research in the discipline of intellectual property rights in the universities and other recognized institutions of higher education.
- To assess the impact of awareness created by the scheme about copyright and other IPR matters among public and academic community and other stakeholders through different means including seminars, workshops and training and utilisation of print and electronic media.
- To examine the steps taken towards developing specialized courses in IPRs in the education system, including in schools and encouraging study in these courses, under this scheme.
- To assess and evaluate the progress of the MHRD-IPR Chairs set up under the Scheme;
- To examine the procedure adopted for release of grants to MHRD-IPR Chairs and to propose uninterrupted funds flow to the MHRD-IPR Chairs with a strong financial support system;
- To suggest ways to improve the monitoring of the MHRD-IPR Chairs to achieve the ends for which they are set up;

- To examine the procedure adopted for release of grants to recognised universities, institutes and other eligible agencies for holding seminars, workshops and conducting research projects; and
- To explore widening the scope of the Scheme in terms of the activities to be undertaken during the XII Plan period.

3. Methodology:

- Comparative study of progress of the 20 IPR Chairs on the basis of the activities undertaken and proposed to be undertaken and data on expenditure of grants released and utilized;
- Analysis of data on expenditure of grants released to universities/institutions/colleges and NGOs for conducting seminars/workshops/projects; and
- Assessment of the reports submitted by universities, colleges, institutes after conducting seminars, workshops and research studies

4. Genesis of the Scheme:

4.1 Many efforts were initiated in the country after becoming WTO member, in 1995, for building a robust bank of capable human resources in the area of intellectual property rights (IPR) to face upcoming challenges. Protection, maintenance and management of IPR by institutes, universities, industries and individuals in an effective manner were at the centre stage. Even now these issues are extremely important and the initiatives of the Central Government are equally required even now. MHRD recognized the role to be played by universities and institutes in inculcating a new culture for promoting creativity, originality and innovations in the country and took a modest initiative by launching few schemes in the IX Plan such as Scheme for organizing seminars and workshops on copyright matters, Scheme for financial assistance for IPR studies and Scheme for financial assistance for WTO studies. The Ministry also introduced a scheme for establishing IPR Chairs in universities and institutes in 2001. Department of Higher Education, MHRD merged all the above schemes in 2002-03 and introduced a comprehensive scheme "Intellectual Property Education, Research and Public Outreach (IPERPO)" during the X Plan. A copy of the Scheme is at **Annexure I**.

4.2 IPERPO Scheme aims at encouraging studies and research in the area of intellectual property rights by setting up IPR Chairs in recognized Universities and Institutions of Higher Education and also to create awareness among public academic community by organizing workshops/seminars and training of enforcement personnel.

5. Aims and Objectives of the scheme:

- (i) Encourage study of intellectual property rights in the Universities and other recognized institutions of higher education.
- (ii) Creating public awareness about copyright and IPR matters among public and academic community
- (iii) Developing and encouraging study in specialized courses in IPRs in higher education system

- (iv) Training of enforcement personnel, nameiy, state police/custom officials about copyright and related issues
- (v) Organizing seminars and workshops on copyright matters/IPRs matters in colleges, universities, and other recognized institutions
- (vi) Creating knowledge resources on WTO matters
- (vii) Developing inputs for policy formulation on WTO matters
- (viii) Developing negotiating strategies on WTO matters
- (ix) Developing awareness on WTO matters; and
- (x) Evolving strategies of regional cooperation and regional training arrangements.

6. Scope of the Scheme:

Under the scheme, expenditure is to be incurred by the Ministry either directly or through financial assistance to UGC recognized University, other recognized educational institutions, registered voluntary organizations, registered copyright societies for the following purposes:

- (i) Institution of Chairs for IPR Studies for higher education and also on WTO studies
- (ii) Organization national/international workshops for developing teaching/learning material including syllabi
- (iii) Organizing seminars, workshops, etc. on study of IPR and GATS
- (iv) Setting up of a depositories for IPR and WTO literature/material/ case studies at a nodal institution
- (v) Preparation of instructional material for various levels of IPR courses/GATS in education services for direct teaching as well as teaching through distance education mode including commissioning of suitable resource persons for the purpose.
- (vi) Organizing orientation and training programmes for potential faculty of teaching IPR and courses on GATS: WTO Regime
- (vii) Providing of scholarships and fellowships for conducting research in economic, social, legal and technological aspects of new and merging IPR areas/WTO: GATS international areas of interests to the country
- (viii) Holding meetings of the Academic Advisory Committee set up by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and taking following action on its decisions
- (ix) Organizing national or international seminars on copyright and neighbouring rights issues
- (x) Organizing training courses on enforcement of copyright law; and
- (xi) Holding regional level meeting and organizing meetings with persons from the SAARC and Asian and Pacific Region
- (xii) Organizing Regional level meetings for developing Regional Trading Arrangements

7. Eligibility of Institutions/organization to be selected under the Scheme.

- (i) UGC recognized universities, institutions deemed to be universities and colleges and institutions affiliated to recognized universities in the area of IPRs and copyright matters

