

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have taken appropriate steps to amalgamate and restructure the present administrative set up and authorities dealing with Patents and Trade Marks Intellectual Property Rights related issues in the context of globalisation policies and update the systems compatible with international standards;
- (b) if so, the details of steps taken to set up and upgrade Educational Institutions to provide professional support; and
- (c) the action plan for 2000-2001?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Government's initiatives include, among others, steps to modernise and restructure the administration of patents and trade marks, at substantial outlays, so as to update the systems and make them compatible with international standards.

(b) & (c) : Ministry of Human Resource Development has been promoting the teaching and research of Intellectual Property matters. During the last two years, financial assistance has been given to various institutes and organizations to encourage study of Intellectual Property Rights under the Scheme for Financial Assistance for Intellectual Property Right Studies and what Ministry is also trying to redouble the efforts for the further development of Intellectual Property Right Studies in various Universities and Educational Institutes.

Further, in order to cope with the demand of adequately trained human resource, it has been decided to restructure the office of Patent Information System, Nagpur into a training institute which is expected to cater not only to the needs of intellectual property offices in India but also meet the needs of the users of the system. These initiatives are in addition to those undertaken by industry associations to develop human resources in this field.