

E-filing hits 1000 mark

In less than one year of receipt of the first application filed electronically, the Indian Patent Office received 1000 applications electronically.

The e-filing of the patent application in India commenced from 20th July 2007 when online filing of Patents and Trademarks application facility was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Shri Kamal Nath. However, the 1st application of Patent was filed on 13-08-2007 and the 1000th filed on 24-07-2008 which is equal to about 3% of the total filing of the applications. However, the target of the Patent Office is to reach 97% e-filing in a couple of years. The revenue received through online payment gateway for applications filed online is approximately Rs.2.54 crore. E-filing provision is also available for filing new TMR applications and TMR search.

Facility for filing other Intellectual Property applications also electronically will be created soon.