

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2283
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.09.2020**

PFC PROGRAMME

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Will the Minister of **SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY** विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of budget allocated to and utilized by Patent Facilitation Cell (PFC) for implementation of various programmes/schemes/activities during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the total number of patents that have been filed till date, Region-wise and Year-wise; and
- (c) whether the PFC offers financial help to startups and other young entrepreneurs to file the patents and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE; MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES
(DR. HARSH VARDHAN)**

**स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री और पृथ्वी विज्ञान मंत्री
(डॉ. हर्ष वर्धन)**

(a) Funds allocated to Patent Facilitation Cell (PFC) for Intellectual Property (IP) facilitation, conducting workshops & trainings on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and implementation of Women Scientist Scheme (WOS-C) was Rs 9.5 crore during the last two financial years i.e. 2018-19 and 2019-20. The funds were fully utilized for the purpose for which it was allocated. During the current financial year (2020-21), fund of Rs 75 lakh have been allocated to PFC for release.

(b) Details of year-wise patent applications filed by PFC in India and other countries is given in following table:

S. No.	Year	Number of Patent Applications Filed in	
		India	Other Countries
1.	1995-96	5	nil
2.	1996-97	5	4
3.	1997-98	20	1

4.	1998-99	17	8
5.	1999-2000	25	nil
6.	2000-01	42	nil
7.	2001-02	23	29
8.	2002-03	35	nil
9.	2003-04	45	nil
10.	2004-05	80	3
11.	2005-06	83	8
12.	2006-07	92	nil
13.	2007-08	108	nil
14.	2008-09	75	nil
15.	2009-10	90	nil
16.	2010-11	105	nil
17.	2011-12	37	6
18.	2012-13	31	1
19.	2013-14	21	18
20.	2014-15	33	nil
21.	2015-16	38	1
22.	2016-17	23	9
23.	2017-18	20	3
24.	2018-19	52	nil
25.	2019-20	nil	nil
26.	2020-21 (till date)	18	nil
Total		1123	91
Grand Total			1214

(c) PFC does not offer any financial help to startups and other young entrepreneurs to file the patents as Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) is operating the Scheme for Facilitating Start-Ups Intellectual Property Protection (SIPP) through Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks for start-ups and other young entrepreneurs. However, about 10% of IP facilitators registered with Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, engaged in IP facilitation activities under the SIPP scheme to help start-ups and other young entrepreneurs are from Women Scientist Scheme-C implemented by PFC.
