

Questionnaire to be filled by the inventor(s)

Please answer the following questions with as much information as possible. Your cooperation will help us a great deal.

1. Does the invention add to human knowledge sustainability or marginally and/or does it have likely commercial value in the near future (say 2-5 years) or distant future (say 6-15 years)?
2. What is the exact problem being solved? Did someone else attempt to find a solution either before you or around the same time when you were working on the problem? If yes, how does yours differ from the latter? Give a brief description of the invention. Does it satisfy the criteria of novelty, non-obviousness and usefulness?
3. How did you first get the idea about the work you have done which has led to the invention (from journals, books, patents, peer group discussions, recommendations of some committee/task force, trade brochures or some other sources)? When did the idea first occur to you (year)?
4. Have you been following the progress made globally in your area of invention? If yes, what tools did you adopt for this purpose and how frequently did you check on this?
5. What is the lead over others this invention has?
6. What is the level of know-how already developed? How much time would be needed to harness the know-how?
7. Is it likely to lead to a totally new technology after a few years or lead to an incremental technology primarily replacing the existing technology?
8. What investments (quantitatively or qualitatively or both) may be required for setting up production facilities?
9. Is any further R&D required to make it more competitive?
10. Has an extensive patent search been done for the niche area?
11. What was the method adopted? Is there a need for a fresh search?
12. Have you published your work in any journal, magazine, newspaper etc.? If yes, what is the extent of disclosure? Please include a write up.
13. Can the patent application be made stronger by additional experiments/tests/information/R&D?
14. Do you think that your invention is worth protecting in other countries? Which would be the target countries for this purpose? What would your justification for filing such applications, considering that patent filing in other countries is an expensive proposition?
15. Kindly furnish the details of all the inventors associated with the research project, in the following format:
Name (Expand initials):
Designation
Address (Official):
Address (Permanent):

Mobile no:

Email:

16. Are all inventors presently in India or not?
17. Is any of the inventors likely to leave the country in the future? If so when and for how long?
18. Is your logbook/laboratory notebook, describing your lab work on a day- to- day basis updated? If yes, whether such a book is kept in good condition.(If no, we would suggest this be a standard practice of your laboratory).
19. Has the invention come out of a project funded by an external agency, including a state/central government department or other agencies? If yes, the name of the funding agency may be furnished.

Place:

Dated:

Name