

V(B). INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

1. INTRODUCTION

The industrial technology deals with the proposals received from Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) for grant of Letter of Intent, foreign collaboration from Indian entrepreneurs, foreign entrepreneurs/organisations, from NRIs and those willing to set up 100% export oriented project.

The broad activities are (i) receiving and examining proposals for grant of LOI, FC and import of CG, including those for 100% EOU and from NRIs (ii) participating in approval Committees/Boards such as Licensing Committee, Project Approval Board and Board of Approvals for 100% Export Oriented Units.

2. INDUSTRIAL LICENSING

About 160 proposals for grant of Letter of Intent/Carry-on-Business, Extension of Letter of Intent etc. were received during the year. The number of proposals have remained almost same as in the last year.

12 meetings of Licensing Committee were held by SIA during 1998. Almost all the meetings were attended.

3. FOREIGN COLLABORATIONS

During the year, the number of foreign collaborations and composite proposals exceeded 800. Of these, the department received around 100 proposals from Secretariat for Industrial Approvals as compared to 200 in the previous year. These excluded such proposals involving foreign investment, which were directly considered by the Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

During the year, the Department participated in the 11 meetings of the Project Approval Board and 11 meetings of the Board of Approvals for 100% Export Oriented Undertakings held by SIA.

4. INFORMATION/DATA PROCESSING

The Department has a database for Foreign Collaboration proposals and Composite applications since 1988. The data regarding Foreign Collaboration Proposals were updated for the year 1998.

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The Department also updated the software for editing, preparing summary, processing and quick retrieval of the information on proposals received under PATSER scheme. The software has been developed in-house for above mentioned proposals as well as approvals. Retrieval of information and updating of databases is continuously done with the help of the above softwares.

5. INTERNET

The Department is a subscriber to X400 Message Handling System of NICNET, the Network of National Informatics Centre. The E-Mail Address for the Department is dsir@x400.nicgw.nic.in. In the year under review, the Department also renewed its subscription to TCP/IP account of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. The E-Mail address for the Department is dsir@giasd101.vsnl.net.in. Another E-mail address dsir@vsnl.com has also been registered with VSNL.