

CSIR slows down patent filing of its processes, discoveries, products with few takers

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With huge number of patented processes, leads, discoveries, and products developed by its different institutes relating to pharmaceuticals available but not having many takers, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has slowed down the patent filing process. At the same time, CSIR is taking intense steps to sell the patented products.

The CSIR has already prepared a list of available patents for sale and held a feast to attract the companies. The efforts are being followed up with direct discussions with interested companies in the pharma sector, sources said.

There are 285 patented products, processes, discoveries, and leads related to pharmaceuticals alone available for licensing and waiting for the buyers. Some of them have been there for sale since 2000, without any companies showing interest so far.

Apart from these, many of the patents in the field of bio-science and chemicals are also interesting to pharma companies. There are 395 products in the area of bio-science and a massive number of 1499 products in the chemicals sector.

"We have a huge portfolio in all sectors. Only a few of them have been licensed so far. The Intellectual Property Management Division and the Planning and Performance Division are into the task and have launched many efforts to rope in interested companies," an official in the IP division said.

The patents come from institutes like Central Drug Research Institute, Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology, Industrial Toxicology Research Centre, National Botanical Research Institute, and Regional Research Laboratory.

Meanwhile, with the large number of patents available for licensing, the CSIR also has reportedly decided to go slow in accumulating more patents. Instead of going for massive filings, it has become now selective in filing and in the recent years, the number has also come down.