

Intellectual Property Rights Scheme

1. Preamble to the Policy:

Government has approved and notified the Goa Start-up Policy 2025 with a vision to make Goa the creative capital of the country and a beacon for startups, innovation and entrepreneurship driving economic prosperity and creating job opportunities thus earning recognition as a premier destination by 2028. This ambitious vision is to be realised through a comprehensive approach, targeting key pillars of support, including access to capital, education, market, institutional support, infrastructure development, regulatory enablement, and administrative facilitation. Moreover, the policy also aims to promote the entry of startups from academia, enhance outreach and awareness and foster strong linkages with industry. The policy contains various incentives for Startups and to avail the benefits of these incentives the Government has proposed many schemes under the policy.

2. Short title and commencement:- This scheme shall be called “Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Scheme”

3. Benefits under the Scheme:-

3.1. For start-ups registering national and international IP, the Startup IT Promotion Cell (SITPC) will reimburse 100% of the cost incurred by the start-up in fees including costs associated with IP application, if the IP is registered successfully, subject to a cap of INR 2 lakh for national IP and INR 5 lakh for international IP.

3.2. This benefit can be availed by maximum 200 startups each year.

3.3. Under no circumstance shall the benefits under this scheme be considered an entitlement. The SITPC shall reserve the sole right to accept or reject applications.

4. Eligibility:-

- 4.1. All the Start-ups certified by the IT Promotion Cell (SITPC) having a valid startup certificate number are eligible to apply for this scheme.
- 4.2. IP that is created for a technology based service or product or uses technology for enhancing functionality or reach of an existing product or service are eligible.
- 4.3. The applicant should have paid the mandatory government fees and attorney fees in this regard.
- 4.4. The reimbursement will be in the nature of a one-time payment and the applicant cannot apply under this provision more than once for the same IP application.
- 4.5. If the applicant has applied for the reimbursement benefits/ grant for the same IP in any other scheme of Centre or other State Government, then the application will be rejected.
- 4.6. The bank accounts of the Directors of the company should be linked to Aadhaar.
- 4.7. Only expenditure incurred after notification of Goa Start-up Policy 2021 within the validity of this policy and paid for digitally would be considered. In case digital payments are not possible then it shall be up to the decision of SITPC as per its due diligence to admit the expenditure.

5. Procedure for filing and disbursement of claims:-

- 5.1. Startups who desire to claim incentives under this scheme shall submit the application form to SPC along with requisite set of documents. The form and the documents are to be submitted on the web portal to the SITPC.
- 5.2. Based on the evaluation by the SPC, the approved amount shall be reimbursed.
- 5.3. The evaluation process is as follows-
 - 5.3.1. On receipt of the complete application the SPC shall inspect and verify the contents of the application.
 - 5.3.2. Based on the received documents, SPC will scrutinize and perform necessary due diligence on the expenses incurred by the applicant.
 - 5.3.3. The SPC shall recommend the application for the sanction of reimbursement of the costs incurred towards filing or grant of IP as the case may be.

5.4. The SPC shall be the competent authority to solely accept or reject any claims filed by the Start-ups. The decision of the SPC shall be final and binding.

5.5. The applicant can apply for this scheme at any time of the financial year but only within 6 months of obtaining the certificate.

5.6. The applications received by the SPC under this scheme shall be evaluated and approval or rejection shall be notified within 45 days from receipt of the application by the SPC. Once the application is approved by the SPC, the approved amount shall be disbursed within 60 days from the date of approval.

6. Document Needed for Submission:

- Copy of successful IP registration
- Original Proof of Payment- Detailed statement of expenses incurred towards the IP
- Registration along with the copies of invoices & receipts from the competent authority and legal counsel as applicable
- Detailed report submitted.
- Address proof of operational office in the State of Goa
- Cancelled Cheque of the start-up/incubator/accelerator