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Indian Intellectual Property Office

Applicants can now submit electronic reply to Office Actions

The “Comprehensive e-filing services for Patents” will now also enable the applicants to submit reply to the Office Actions, including reply to the first and second objection report, electronically. The Patent Office has stated that such a system would result in internal automation and speedy disposal of Applications. The applicants shall however be required to submit the Original copies of documents such as Power of Attorney and Certified Copy of Priority Documents with the Patent Office.

The screenshot shows the 'Online Filing Of Patents' interface. At the top left is the Government of India logo and text: 'Government of India, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Controller General of Patents Design & Trade Marks'. At the top right, it says 'Welcome SHRI VIKRANT RANA' and has a 'Sign out' button. The main header includes the 'Intellectual Property India' logo. A left sidebar lists various filing options, with 'Reply to Examination Report' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Reply to Examination Report' and contains a form with an 'Application Number:' label, an input field, and 'Submit' and 'Back' buttons.

It is worth mentioning that the comprehensive e-filing for Patents was launched in December last year that upgraded the then existing E-filing system by providing Dual way login (Digital Signature as well as Password based) and facility for filing all the prescribed forms and all entries as per Schedule 1 of the Patents Rules, 2003, besides application for grant of patent.

The Comprehensive E-filing portal can be accessed from the Patent Office's Website at:

<https://ipindiaservices.gov.in/ePatentFiling/OnlineFiling/OnlineFormFiling>.