

Patent Office makes available the details of Form 27 (Working of Patented Inventions on Commercial Scale in India) for the year 2012-2013

In yet another measure to bring in transparency into the IP system, the Office of Controller General of Patents has now made available all the information regarding “Statement of Commercial Working of Patents” (in accordance with section 146(3), read with rule 131(3) of the Patents Act) as received from the patentees for the year 2012.

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The portal thus made available by the Patent Office in this regard enables the user to retrieve information using criteria such as Patent No., Application No., and Name of Patentee across all four locations of the Patent Office. However the data in this regard is still being processed by the office and it IPO’s website states that complete list shall soon be made available.

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