## Modernisation and Strengthening of Intellectual Property Office (MSIPO)

## **Brief about the Scheme**

The Plan Scheme for MSIPO was first implemented by the Government in the 11th Five Year Plan (March, 2008) and continued in the 12th Five Year Plan.

The objective of the scheme is to strengthen the capabilities of the Intellectual Property Offices in India; to develop a vibrant Intellectual Property regime in the country; and also to develop modern infrastructure for the Indian Patent Offices to function as an International Search Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority in order to meet the requirements for international registration of Trade Marks.

During the 12th Plan the focus of the scheme was on infrastructure development, augmentation of human resources, enhancement in quality of service, computerisation and improvement in IT infrastructure. Training of personnel and outreach activities were the other objectives.

The implementing agency in respect of the Scheme has been identified as the office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trademarks (CGPDTM).