

# DRDO INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS POLICY 2016



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### 1. PREAMBLE

- 1.1 Progress of science is linked with the human creativity and intellectual property rights constitute one of the necessary ingredients of the enabling ecosystem for science and innovations to thrive.
- 1.2 DRDO believes that a robust IPR culture inter-woven into R&D efforts of its scientific/technical work force is pre-requisite for realizing its mission to provide state-of-the-art sensors, weapons, platforms and allied equipment for Defence Services.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

- 2.1 Objective of the IPR policy is to create an enabling ecosystem for stimulating creativity, innovations and unleashing the full potential of its own scientific/technical workforce.

### 3. SCOPE

- 3.1 The policy is applicable to and must be complied with by the whole of DRDO.

### 4. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- 4.1 The IPR policy will be consistent with the National IPR Policy and in harmony with the relevant legislation, government policies and practices.
- 4.2 DRDO shall manage IP taking into account national security and strategic implications.
- 4.3 DRDO shall endeavour to use IP in an equitable manner with the overall aim of diffusion of technologies for the benefit of society at large.
- 4.4 DRDO will consider IP in its control as valuable resource and manage IP in an effective, efficient and ethical manner to derive the full economic potential.
- 4.5 DRDO IP management shall promote relevant best practices to develop and sustain DRDO overall capability.
- 4.6 DRDO will have IP management plans and practices commensurate with the IPR policy.

### 5. IDENTIFYING, RECORDING & LEGALLY PROTECTING IN-HOUSE IP

- 5.1 DRDO will recognise IP matters at an early stage in developing a technology and address IP issues in a holistic manner.
- 5.2 DRDO scientific/technical workforce shall be mandated to disclose any and all intellectual property generated under their control and extend full cooperation for their legal protection.

- 5.3 DRDO will implement appropriate plans at corporate level and follow best practices to ensure that IP is protected in an appropriate manner.
- 5.4 DRDO shall recognise contributions of the creators of innovation and creativity appropriately.

### 6. ACQUIRING IP GENERATED THROUGH COLLABORATION

- 6.1 DRDO will maintain a flexible approach in considering options for ownership, management and use of IP taking into account the strategic needs of the country.
- 6.2 DRDO will obtain and defend IP rights that are appropriate to its technology needs and objectives.
- 6.3 DRDO will consider reasonable approaches to IP matters involving suppliers/vendors/collaborators/industry/academia that are consistent with its technology needs and objectives.
- 6.4 DRDO shall endeavour to share IP with its collaborators in an equitable manner with the overall aim of diffusion of technologies.

### 7. IP SHARING AND PUBLIC ACCESS

- 7.1 DRDO shall share its IP with other agencies taking into account security and confidentiality requirements.
- 7.2 DRDO will consider opportunities for commercial use and exploitation of IP for creation of wealth.
- 7.3 Commercialisation of DRDO IP shall be subjected to national security and DRDO strategic implications.

### 8. CAPACITY BUILDING

- 8.1 Implementation of this policy will be supported by appropriate training to in-house IPR professional and allocation of resources, including access to expert advice.
- 8.2 IPR skills of scientific/technical workforce of DRDO shall be enhanced so as to make IPR culture integral to their R&D efforts.
- 8.3 DRDO shall encourage its scientific/technical workforce to search, understand, analyse, forecast future technological trends and direct strategic R&D based on techno-legal information contained in IP documents.

### 9. REVIEW

- 9.1 The IPR Policy shall be reviewed periodically for its efficacy and coherence with prevailing National IPR Policy.