

FORM 18 A

THE PATENT ACT, 1970
(39 of 1970)
&
THE PATENTS RULES, 2003

REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED EXAMINATION OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT[See section 11B and rule 24C]

1. APPLICANT(S)

(a) Name	(b) Nationality	(c) Address
National Institute of Technology Calicut	India	NIT Campus (P.O), Calicut, Kozhikode – 673601, Kerala, India., India

2. I/We National Institute of Technology Calicut hereby request that my/our application for patent no 202441071499 filed on 21 Sep 2024 for the invention titled A Method for Synthesis of Bio-Sourced Epoxy Vitrimer for Enhanced Toughness and Recyclability shall be examined under section 12 and 13 of the Act

3. The applicant(s) to indicate (by ticking the appropriate box) any of the grounds applicable for request for expedited examination:

- that India has been indicated as the competent International Searching Authority or elected as an International Preliminary Examining Authority in the corresponding international application.
- that the applicant is a startup
- that the applicant is a small entity
- that the applicant is a natural person or in the case of joint applicants, all the applicants are natural persons, then applicant or at least one of the applicants is female
- that the applicant is a department of the Government
- that the applicant is an institute established by a Central, Provincial or State Act, which is owned or controlled by the Government
- that the applicant is a Government company as defined in clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013)
- that the applicant is an institution wholly or substantially financed by the Government
- that the application pertains to a sector which has been notified by the Central Government, on the basis of a request from the head of department of the Central Government
- that the applicant is eligible under an arrangement for processing a patent application pursuant to an agreement between Indian Patent Office and a foreign Patent Office

4. Documents to be mandatorily submitted as evidence of eligibility for availing expedited examination on the grounds:

a. that India has been indicated as the competent International Searching Authority in the corresponding international application:

- Relevant ISA number issued by ISA, India.

that India has been . elected as an International Preliminary Examining Authority in the corresponding international application:

- Relevant IPEA number issued by IPEA, India.

b. that the applicant is a startup:

A. For an Indian applicant: The certificate of recognition as a startup from Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

- B. In case of a foreign entity: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- c. that the applicant is a small entity:
- A. For an Indian applicant: Evidence of registration under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Act, 2006 (27 of 2006).
- B. In case of a foreign entity: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- d. that the applicant is a natural person or in the case of joint applicants, all the applicants are natural persons, then applicant or at least one of the applicants is a female:
- A. In case of Indian applicant: Photo identity card of female applicant issued by competent authority as evidence of eligibility.
- B. In case of a foreign applicant: Photo identity card of female applicant issued by competent authority as evidence of eligibility.
- e. Where the applicant is a department of the Government:
- A. In case of Indian applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- B. In case of a foreign applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- f. that the applicant is an institution established by a Central, Provincial or State Act, which is owned or controlled by the Government:
- A. In case of Indian applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- B. In case of a foreign applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- g. that the applicant is a Government company as defined in clause (45) of section 2 of the Companies Act, 2013 (18 of 2013):
- A. In case of Indian applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- B. In case of a foreign applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- h. that the applicant is an institution wholly or substantially financed by the Government:
- A. In case of Indian applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- B. In case of a foreign applicant: Any document as evidence of eligibility.
- i. that the application pertains to a sector which has been notified by the Central Government, on the basis of a request from the head of a department of the Central Government:
Notification from the Central Government and documents as maybe required by the Controller.
- j. that the applicant is eligible under an arrangement for processing a patent application pursuant to an agreement between Indian Patent Office and a foreign Patent Office:
Declarations and documents as maybe required by the Controller.

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Dated this:-----

Signature

Name of the signatory

To,
The Controller of Patents,
The Patent Office
at Chennai

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