

1. Background

Technology Refinement and Marketing Programme (TREMAP) initiated in the year 2009 by the Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC) is a unique programme to support the nation's innovation pool for taking the innovative technologies from the prototype stage to the viable commercial products through a network of Technology Commercialization Facilitators (TCFs). Programme facilitates an early assessment of innovative technologies by identifying their business potential and provides them the required financial, marketing and operational skills towards commercialization. The objective is to facilitate linkages of developed products and innovative technologies with the market.

2. Awards

The "National Awards to Commercializable Patents" has been instituted by TIFAC under its TREMAP programme to recognize the innovative potential of Indian nationals and to encourage the innovator community for making their innovations more practical and relevant to the industrial and societal needs. The objective of the award is to help commercialization of patented technologies. The award will carry a sum of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs and a certificate. In addition, selected innovations may be provided a commercialization incentive of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs on commercialization of the awarded patents. Selected innovations may also use TIFAC-TCF network for commercialization / transfer / licensing of patented technologies.

3. Call for Applications

The applications for "National Awards to Commercializable Patents" are invited from Indian nationals, who have patented {Indian patent granted in the name of the individual(s)} technological innovation(s) having high commercial potential and have developed at least a working prototype of the technology/product/process etc. of the innovative technology. Patented technology / product / process etc. already transferred / licensed / commercialized or the technology patents granted / owned in the name of the institution / organization / association / company etc. don't qualify for this award.

4. Eligibility Conditions

- i. Applicant (s) must be an Indian National.
- ii. Indian patent must have been granted for the technology/product / process in the name of individual(s), who is / are applying for the award and the applicant(s) should be the absolute owner(s) of the patented technology/product/process till the date of submission of the application. The patent should not be in the name of the institution / organization / association / company etc.
- iii. The year of grant of patent should not be before the year 2005.
- iv. The technology /product/process etc. should have good commercial application / value in the present scenario.
- v. The working model / prototype of the technology / product / process etc. should be ready and in fine working condition.
- vi. The innovative technology / product / process etc. for which patent is granted should not have already been transferred / licensed / commercialized in any manner.

- vii. Patents / innovations relating to herbal, healthcare, pharmaceutical, biotechnology etc. requiring long term trials / testing and pure software products / technologies and patents relating to arms and armaments etc. are excluded i.e. not eligible for the award.

5. Conditions for Availing Commercialization Incentive of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs (in addition to Award of Rs. 5 Lakhs)

- i. In addition to the award of Rs. 5.0 Lakhs, selected innovations may be provided Commercialization Incentive of Rs. 5.00 Lakhs on commercialization / transfer of the awarded patent.
- ii. Patented technology / product / process etc. would be considered as commercialized only on its transfer / licensing to an industry / organization / entrepreneur etc. through TREMAP / TIFAC-TCF network.
- iii. Alternatively, the patented technology / product / process etc. can also be considered as commercialized when it is transferred by the innovator(s) himself / herself to an industry / organization (but not to the individual) qualifying the criteria as given below within 12 months of getting the award:
 - Industry / organization to which the innovation is transferred / licensed should have an existence for minimum five years (certificate of registration of industry/organization to be submitted to TIFAC).
 - Turn over of such industry / organization should be Min. of Rs. 50 Lakhs for last financial year. (Audited balance sheets of the industry/organization for last three years to be submitted)
 - Industry/organization should be active in the same / related line of business for last three years (minimum).
- iv. Commercialization Incentive payment to the innovator may also be considered, if the license to install the industry (on the awarded patent) is received by the innovator (s) from the industries department within 12 months of getting the award and / or the product based on the awarded patent has been sold with a cumulative value of at least Rs.50 Lakhs within 24 months of getting the award. Appropriate supporting documents need to be provided to TIFAC.
- v. Separate application to be submitted by the innovator(s) for availing the Commercialization Incentive, when he / she (they) become eligible for the same.

6. Other Conditions:

- i. In case of joint patent, application needs to be signed by each patent holder and proper authorization need to be obtained by one of the applicants from others for doing correspondence with TIFAC and receiving the award and commercialization incentive on behalf of all others (if selected), before submitting the application to TIFAC. The name of the authorized innovator need to be properly mentioned in the prescribed space as provided in the application format.
- ii. Applicants, who are working in any organization / company etc. including govt., public, private bodies etc. on the date of application, need to furnish a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the present employer with the application.
- iii. TIFAC may or may not request any additional information, supporting documents, call for presentation etc. from the applicants at any stage during the process, if required.

- iv. Applications / information once submitted to TIFAC will be treated as full and final and no change / addition / deletion will be allowed afterwards unless otherwise requested by TIFAC.
- v. In case more than one application for the same patent are received, all applications will be summarily rejected.
- vi. Any issue arising out of awards to joint patent holders, responsibility will rest on the authorized applicant submitting the application to TIFAC.

7. Selection Procedure

- i. Preliminary screening of application / proposal by an internal Committee of TIFAC.
- ii. Further screening / filtering of applications by panel of technical experts.
- iii. Final selection by Selection Committee in which the innovator(s) short listed through above screening process may be called to give a presentation / demonstration about the innovation / proto type.

8. Other Important Information:

- The last date for receipt of duly filled in applications, along with all the annexure and supporting documents viz. patent certificate, research papers, examples of media coverage and testimonials from third-party sources or customers etc., at TIFAC is 8th August 2011.
- The applicants are encouraged to enclose the supporting documents / testimonials etc. along with the application form; however, it is to clarify that only self attested (every page) photo copies of the documents / certificates etc. are to be enclosed. No original document to be enclosed with the application form. The application form and the enclosures / annexure submitted to TIFAC would not be returned.
- In case any individual wants to apply for more than one technology / patents, he / she needs to submit separate application forms for each one of them.
- Please write “Application for National Awards to Commercializable Patents under TREMAP / TIFAC” on the top of the envelope containing the application form.
- Applications complete in all respects as per the prescribed format should be forwarded to:
Mukesh Mathur, Scientist, TIFAC,
4th Floor, A-Wing, Vishwakarma Bhawan, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg
New Delhi-110016
- Incomplete applications and applications not in prescribed format will be summarily rejected.
- TIFAC reserves the right to change / modify all or any of the terms & conditions or withdraw / cancel the Award at any stage without prior notice and without any obligation to any of the agency / person involved.
- Applications received after last date will not be entertained. Decision of the Selection Committee will be final. Canvassing in any form may result in cancellation of application.
- For further queries please write to tremap.tifac@gmail.com, mentioning ‘National Awards to Commercializable Patents’ in subject of email or contact at 011-26961318, 42525600 or fax at 011-26961158.

