

### **Champions for Societal Manufacturing**

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**Initiative for Transforming Manufacturing Industry** 

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### Govt to Finalise National IPR Policy in 3-4 Months: Official

#### Press Trust of India

Mumbai: The Centre is likely to finalise the policy on intellectual property rights (IPR) in the next 3-4 months and will come out with clarification on FDI in the e-commerce space, a senior government official said Wednesday. "We are in the final stages of drafting the national IPR policy. We expect it to be finalised in the next 3-4 months," Amitabh Kant, Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, told reporters here on the sidelines of a CII event.

He said the government has taken inputs for the policy from all departments concerned and stakeholders and would soon forward it to the Cabinet for approval.

The document will take into account the need to scale up the process of IP creation and increase commercialisation of technology, the official said.

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#### **BULLET TRAIN: JICA TO GIVE ASSISTANCE**

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The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), which has done the feasibility study of the Mumbai 1-4 hmed ab ad high speed bullet train corridor project has submitted its final report to the ministry of railways last week. Stating that India is a high priority country, JICA's chief representative for India, Takema Sakamoto, said that his agency is willing to provide both technical and financial assistance for the country's first bullet train project if the government of India formally requests the Japanese government for further assistance.

"JICA is happy to make substantial contributions in major areas like infrastructure and those projects, which would stimulate private sector investment in India. Our aim is to identify and provide financial assistance to around 12-13 projects every year," said Mr Sakamoto on the sidines of an event organised by CII. He added that a lot of Japanese firms like the Mitsubishi group, Hitachi, Nippon, Toyota Corporation and other civil engineering companies are keen to invest in Indian projects where JICA is associated.

During this current financial year, JICA will disburse loans amounting to over 350 billion Japanese yen for various projects in India. Since 1938, the Japanese agency has entered into you can agreements for various projects in India. The Sakamoto further informed that his agency feasibility study of the proposed 22 km Mumbai Trans Harbour Link project. The final report would be submitted next month. "So far various feasibility studies have come out with varying degrees of cost. That might be the reason why the government wanted to have a fresh study done to get an accurate picture of the proposed project. We are looking at the feasibility of connecting Mumbai port with JNPT," he added.



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