earliest by the Controller to an examiner for making a report to him in respect of the following matters, namely:—

- (a) whether the application and the specification and other documents relating thereto are in accordance with the requirements of this Act and of any rules made thereunder;
- (b) whether there is any lawful ground of objection to the grant of the patent under this Act in pursuance of the application;
- (c) the result of investigations made under section 13; and
- (d) any other matter which may be prescribed.
- (2) The examiner to whom the application and the specification and other documents relating thereto are referred under sub-section (1) shall ordinarily make the report to the Controller within such period as may be prescribed.

It may be noted that the Examiner of Patents & Designs also acts as Examiner under the Designs Act, 2000.

E. VACANCIES

1. DISTRIBUTION (DISCIPLINE AND CATEGORY-WISE)

Total vacancies and the discipline-wise and category-wise distribution is as follows:

S. No.	Discipline	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR	Total
1	Bio-Technology	7	3	14	5	21	50
2	Bio-Chemistry	3	1	5	2	9	20
3	Food Technology	2	1	4	1	7	15
4	Chemistry	8	3	15	6	24	56
5	Polymer Science and Technology	1	NIL	3	1	4	9
6	Bio-Medical Engineering	8	3	15	5	22	53
7	Electronics & Communication	15	6	30	11	46	108
8	Electrical Engineering	4	1	8	3	13	29

9	Computer Science & Information Technology	9	3	17	6	28	63
10	Physics	4	1	8	3	14	30
11	Civil Engineering	1	NIL	3	1	4	9
12	Mechanical Engineering	14	5	27	10	43	99
13	Metallurgical Engineering	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	3	4
14	Textile Engineering	1	NIL	2	1	4	8
	Total	77	27	152	55	242	553

2. DISTRIBUTION (PwBD)

Among the above 553 tentative posts, the details of vacancies reserved for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) category are as follows:

C	Catagory of Degamyation/	No. of			
S. No.	Category of Reservation/ Benchmark Disabilities	Backlog	Fresh/ anticipated	Total	
1	Locomotor disability (OA, OL, OAL, BL) including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured, dwarfism, acid attach victims and muscular dystrophy.	1	6	7	
2	Blindness and Low vision (VH)	5	5	10	
3	Hard of Hearing (HH)	3	6	9	
4	Multiple disabilities from amongst persons under S. No. 1 to 3, except deaf-blindness.	2	5	7	
	Total:	11	22	33	

Note 1: The number of vacancies given above is tentative and are subject to variation, dependent on the approval of Competent Authority and policy of the Government of India.

Note 2: The Competent Authority will consider the suitability of posts for various benchmark disabilities under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 in accordance with the latest O.M.s and Notifications issued by Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.