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2. Application/Patent Number:

- Numbering Format: 2005-01-01 to 2015-12-31

  <NUMBER OF APPLICATION IN SERIAL ORDER TO THE CONCERNED JURISDICTION>/<JURISDICTION>/<YEAR>

  For example, the 1st non-PCT application filed in 2005 in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Kolkata jurisdictions will be numbered as 1/DEL/2005, 1/CHE/2005, 1/MUM/2005 and 1/KOL/2005 respectively.

  For PCT National Phase applications, the jurisdiction is followed by NP. For example, 1/DELNP/2005.

- Numbering Format: 2016-01-01 onwards – IPO has been following the numbering format as follows:

  <YYYY J T NNNNNN>

Code	Description
YYYY	Year of filing
J (Jurisdiction in numerals)	1 for Delhi, 2 for Mumbai, 3 for Kolkata, 4 for Chennai
T(Type of Application in numerals)	1 for Ordinary; 2 for Ordinary-Divisional; 3 for Ordinary-Patent of Addition; 4 for Convention; 5 for Convention-Divisional;

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	6 for Convention-Patent of Addition; 7 for PCT NP; 8 for PCT NP-Divisional and 9 for PCT NP-Patent of Addition
NNNNNN	6 digits serial number

For example, the 1st application (Ordinary) filed in Delhi in 2019 will be numbered as 201911000001. If 2nd application in 2019 is "Conventional application from Mumbai it would be numbered as 201924000002.

Patent Number : Numerical.

3. Kind Code as follows:
    - A – Published Application (2005-01-01 to 2025-12-31)
    - A1 – Published Application (2026-01-01 onwards)
    - B1 – Published Patent
4. Date of Publication: in the format YYYYMMDD
5. Exception Code
6. Text Searchable Indicators as follows (for publications since 2016-01-01)
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    ii. DESC-LANG
    iii. CLMS-LANG

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