



THE PATENTS ACT, 1970

CHAPTER XIV PATENT OFFICE AND ITS ESTABLISHMENT

Section 73

Controller and other officers

- (1) The Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks appointed under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999 (47 of 1999), shall be the Controller of Patents for the purposes of this Act.
- (2) For the purposes of this Act, the Central Government may appoint as many examiners and other officers and with such designations as it thinks fit.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the officers appointed under subsection (2) shall discharge under the superintendence and directions of the Controller such functions of the Controller under this Act as he may, from time to time by general or special order in writing, authorise them to discharge.
- (4) Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of sub-section (3), the Controller may, by order in writing and for reasons to be recorded therein withdraw any matter pending before an officer appointed under sub-section (2) and deal with such matter himself either *de novo* or from the stage it was so withdrawn or transfer the same to another officer appointed under sub-section (2) who may, subject to special directions in the order of transfer, proceed with the matter either *de novo* or from the stage it was so transferred.

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