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Special Issue on Innovation, IPR & Competition in India**FRAND in India: Emerging developments**

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Abstract

There is an ongoing debate about the Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) policies of major Standard Setting Organisations (SSOs) and how the licensing disputes related to Standard Essential Patents (SEPs), subject to Fair Reasonable and Non-Discriminatory (FRAND) licensing commitments should be resolved. At this time of intense global debate, India is in the process of forming the jurisprudence on FRAND disputes. This article connects the legal and economic issues underlying the global dialogue on SSO IPR policies and SEPs with the ongoing FRAND-related disputes in India. What policies India implements and how the jurisprudence evolves is of key importance towards the long-term prospects of the Indian

Introduction

Standard setting organisations (SSOs) are industry groups that set common industry standards in a variety of important technological areas. In the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) industry specifically, technology standards have enabled mobile phones, for instance, to communicate with each other and to operate on the Internet. India itself has a long history in the development of various types of standards via the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) established in 1947, and has a growing interest in ICT standards, with the recent

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