

FILM IN INDIA



FILM FACILITATION OFFICE

SHOOTING OF FEATURE FILMS/REALITY TV SHOW AND / OR COMMERCIAL TV SERIALS BY FOREIGN FILM MAKERS IN INDIA

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

- The Government of India, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting invites foreign film teams to shoot their films feature films /reality TV show and / or commercial TV serials in India – a country with locations of untold beauty.
- Ministry of Information & Broadcasting has recently set up Film Facilitation Office (FFO) with a view to promote and facilitate film shootings by foreign film makers in India. The functions of the Office would include act as a facilitation point for the film producers in assisting them to get requisite permission, disseminate information on shooting locations and the facilities available with the Indian film industry for production/post production and work closely with State Governments in assisting them to set up similar facilities. The FFO is housed in and operated by National Film Development Corporation (NFDC), a Public Sector Enterprise of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting. Foreign Film Makers desirous of shooting their films feature films/reality TV show and / or commercial TV serials in India, may contact:-

Film Facilitation Office,
Ministry of Information & Broadcasting,
National Film Development Corporation,
4th Floor, Soochana Bhavan,
Phase -1, C.G.O. Complex, Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003
Tel.: 91 11 2436 7338
Email: ffo@nfdcindia.com

WHAT SHOULD ACCOMPANY YOUR APPLICATION?

- You may send your application in the format as at **Annexure A** alongwith the following documents:-

1.	Four copies of the script and synopsis of the script.
2.	Passport details of the crew in tabular format along with three copies of the passport.
3.	Details of places of shooting in India and the period of shooting.
4.	Equipment details for Customs exemption, if required
5.	Demand Draft 225 US \$ (equivalent Indian Rupee) in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting

- Application can also be submitted to FFO through an Indian Representative/Line producer, if the foreign producer so desires. [This is only optional]
- Your permission to shoot will normally *not take more than three weeks* to process. The permission letter issued by the Government of India will facilitate your permission from other local authorities, which may, in some cases, need to be obtained directly from these authorities.
- In case any living personality is portrayed in the film as a Character, we suggest that you share the script with that personality or his/her legal heirs, before beginning the shooting, and obtain a 'No Objection

Letter'. This letter will expedite the clearance of your application, and also guard against the possibility of any defamation or libel suits.

- If you propose to shoot your film as a co-production, a copy of the agreement between your company and the Indian party indicating the role of each party, its responsibilities and liabilities, must accompany the application.
- If your film requires shooting in the scenic but sensitive areas of Jammu & Kashmir, the North Eastern India or border belts, and/ or Restricted/Protected Areas etc, your application will be considered for specific approval in consultation with the Ministry of Home Affairs. In such cases, you would need to allow more time to process your application.

WHAT THE INDIAN MISSION IN YOUR COUNTRY WILL DO FOR YOU

- Do submit the detailed particulars of all the members **of** the shooting team, to the Indian Mission in the country from which they would be departing for India at the time, indicating your intention to shoot in India. Our Mission will issue them visas in the normal course.

OTHER THINGS THAT YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW

- An expert from a panel constituted by us for this purpose will scrutinize your script. If considered necessary, to facilitate the shooting, a liaison officer may be attached to a film shooting team. Where a liaison officer is so attached to the shooting team, the Government of India will bear his expenses. In exceptional cases you may need to show the completed film to a representative of the Government of India, in India or in an Indian Mission abroad, before its release anywhere in the world with a view to ensure that the film has been shot in accordance with the scrutinized script and that the film has nothing objectionable from the point of view of presentation of a correct and balanced perspective on the topic covered.

- During the shooting of the film if it is felt that any material changes or deviation from the approved script is necessary, permission may be taken from FFO before shooting these scenes.
- At the time of receiving permission for shooting in India from the FFO, you may have to submit an undertaking as per the format at **Annexure B**.