GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING

APPLICATION FORM FOR FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT IN INDIAN ENTITIES PUBLISHING NEWSPAPERS/PERIODICALS DEALING WITH NEWS AND CURRENT AFFAIRS /PUBLICATION OF FACSIMILE EDITIONS OF FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS.

GENERAL INFORMATION
(Nine copies, duly filled in, as required in Guideline 1(i) are to be submitted)

1. State the purpose of the application:
   (i) For Foreign Direct Investment by Foreign Corporate Body/Non-Resident Indian/Persons of Indian Origin, Foreign Institutional Investors, others (to be specified), in a new/existing company publishing newspapers/periodicals dealing with news and current affairs

   (ii) Whether New application for setting up a new company / inducting foreign investment in an existing company/amendment in an existing approval (give details of previous approvals)

   (iii) For publication of Facsimile edition of a foreign newspaper by
      (a) Existing Indian entity __________________________
      (b) Foreign Company __________________________

2. Payment Details of Application Fee.

Please attach Demand Draft of a scheduled bank made in favour of Pay & Accounts Officer, M/O Information & Broadcasting to be payable at New Delhi.

Demand Draft No. and date______________
Amount Rs.______________ ________________ rupees
Issued by __________________________
   (Name of the Bank)

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Received Application No. _________ on _________ from ______________ for foreign direct investment in Indian entities dealing with news and current affairs.
3. **Name and Address of the applicant Indian entity/Foreign Company (for facsimile editions)** in full (Block letters please)

Name __________________________________________________
Postal Address ___________________________________________

PIN Code ___________________ Telephone _________________
Cable _____________________ E-Mail _____________________
Fax ______________________

4. (i) **Registrar of Companies** (ROC) Registration number, if any, of the applicant ________________________________

(ii) Corporate Identity Number (CIN) given by ROC

5. Please specify **status** of the existing Indian entity (whether Individual/Partnership firm/Government Company as defined u/s 617 of the Companies Act/Joint Sector Company/Public or Private Ltd. Company/Co-operative Undertaking/State Government Industrial Corporation/Trust/Other).

**Status** of foreign company **(in case of facsimile editions)** whether a Wholly Owned Subsidiary (WOS) or in collaboration with an Indian entity may be given. ______________________

6. **Activities of the Company etc** (Please provide details in an attached sheet where necessary and attach copy of partnership deed/Articles and Memorandum of Association of the Company)

   Existing Entity
   Proposed Company

7. (i) **Brief description** of the type of newspaper / periodical/ name of newspaper in case of facsimile editions, to be published ________________________________

(ii) Whether the newspaper will be published in whole or in part(s) **(in case of facsimile edition)**

(iii) Please attach copies of preceding 3 issues/editions in case of an existing publication.

8. **Names of any other** newspaper/magazine/journal/periodical published by the applicant.

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9. **Please indicate:**
   (i) Whether the Indian entity has/has had foreign collaboration earlier? If yes, please specify whether for the same or similar or different activity. Please also indicate the Approving Authority and date and number of the Approval Letter (attach copy)

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(ii) Whether the foreign investor/Collaborator has/has had collaborations with any other Individual/Company in India for the same or similar or different products/activities? If so, please furnish details

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10. Copy of draft Agreement proposed to be entered into with foreign entity may be attached.

11. In case of existing Agreement, please indicate the period for which the agreement has already run and attach the copy of the previous approval.

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   Address ____________________________________________________

12. (i) **Capital structure** of the Indian Company

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* Give details separately for equity held by the 10 largest equity holders including individuals, Government (Central/State), Government Companies as defined by the Companies Act 1956, Public Financial Institutions, Nationalised/Other Banks.

(ii) Please give details of debentures, Loan Agreements, Shareholders Agreements as on date (attach copies)

(iii) Please attach copy of agreement of largest Indian shareholder referred to in Guideline 3A(iii)

13. Please indicate in brief:
   (i) The background of the Indian Promoters/Company including proprietors / Promoter / Directors (attach separate sheet, if necessary).
   (ii) The background of the Foreign investor/NRI/PIO/FII (attach separate sheet, if necessary).
   (iii) Name, nationality and residence status of each of the following in the existing and proposed company

   Director in the Board

   Key executives

   Editorial staff

14. Please attach copies of Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet of the applicant entity for the last three years

15. Location of the Registered office and Head office of the Company

   Address ____________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________
   District _____________________________________________
   State _______________________________________________
   Pin Code ________________   Telephone _____________
   E-Mail ________________   Fax__________________
Address ____________________________________________
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16. Expected date of commencement of operations in the new entity
____________________________________________________________________________________

DECLARATION
1. I/We are duly authorised to sign this application for and on behalf
____________________________________________________________________________________
2. I/We hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my/our
knowledge and belief.
3. I/We hereby undertake to inform Ministry of Information & Broadcasting if any of the
facts furnished above undergo a change in the future.

Signature of Applicant(s) ________________________________
Name(s) in Block letters Sh/Smt/Ms ________________________
Designation of the signatory ____________________________
Place: __________________ Date:________________________

Note: - Application, which is unsigned, will not be accepted by the Ministry of
Information and Broadcasting.
AFFIDAVIT

(To be submitted by the applicant on a stamp paper of Rs.10/-, duly notarized by a Notary Public)

I……………………………………………… Son/Daughter/Wife of………………………………………………
……………………………….. resident of (Address)……………………………………………………………………
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