

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.**

For office use only

APPL. No.-----

APPL. DATE

SIGNATURE

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)

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/had 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)

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

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.

No. & Date of Approval	Date of commencement of Agreement	Date of expiry of Agreement
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Name _____

Address _____

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

			Authorised Equity		Paid Up equity	
			Ordinary	Preference	Ordinary	Preference
			Amount & % to total	Amount & % to total	Amount & % to total	Amount & % to total
Existing Equity structure	Indian* (resident)					
	Foreign (Non Resident)	FDI				
		NRI/OCB/PIO				
		Corporate Body/ FII				
		Other (Specify)				

Proposed Equity structure	Indian* (resident)				
	Foreign (Non Resident)	FDI			
		NRI/PIO			
		FII			
	Other (Specify)				

* 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 _____

District _____

State _____

Pin Code _____ Telephone _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

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).....
..... certify that I am the publisher of.....
..... (Language).....
(Periodicity)..... (Place of publication with full
address.....
..... and solemnly affirm and declare as under:

1. that the owner(s) of the Firm/Joint/Stock/Trust/Co-operative Society/ Association owning the facsimile edition of the foreign newspaper named..... is/are citizen(s) of India.
2. the original foreign newspaper named whose facsimile edition is proposed to be brought out in India, is being published with the approval of the regulatory authority of the country of origin, which in this case is
3. the original foreign newspaper is a standard publication in the country of origin and is not specially designed for India readers.
4. the facsimile edition shall not carry any advertisements aimed at Indian readers in any form.
5. the facsimile edition shall not carry any locally generated content/India specific content, which is not simultaneously published in the original edition of foreign newspaper.

Signature of the Applicant(s).....

Name(s) in Block letters Shri/Smt./Ms.....

Designation of the signatory.....

For and behalf of.....

Deponent

Place:.....

Date:.....

VERIFICATION

1. I solemnly verify that the facts stated above are true and that nothing material has been concealed.
2. That I also affirm that all the above facts as well as the subject matter of the newspaper/publication will not be altered without the prior permission of the Government of India.

Deponent

Place:.....

Date:.....

ATTESTED