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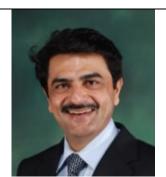
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Dear FSIA Members,

New Feature of Companies Bill 2012

(* as passed by Lok Sabha), Expected to be passed by Rajya Sabha soon)

The much awaited and talked about Companies Bill 2012 was finally passed in Lok Sabha (lower house of Indian Parliament) on the 18th Dec 2012. The Bill still needs to be approved by the Rajya Sabha (upper house of the Indian Parliament) and thereafter will require President of India's assent before the Bill can be notified as a statute replacing the existing Companies Act, 1956.

We at I-M-SME-of-India, shall bring to you the "new innovative" features to our members via these circulars. Today we bring to you the topic of One Person companies

One Person Company (OPC) in India

Source: http://www.mca.gov.in/Ministry/pdf/The Companies Bill 2012.pdf

What law says: Section 2 (62) "One Person Company" means a company which has only one person as a member;



So, For the First time ever, since 1956, you have single member company.



Small Business are usually run by "single man armies", i.e. to say that "Entrepreneurs with the jest to push themselves to the new frontiers of industry.

Usually, single person is forced to remain a "Sole Propreitorship". Till recent past, (till President signs the Companies Bill 2012) they cannot form a Limited or Private Limited company. And one of the disadvantages they face is in Marketing and also in Financing. The Banks usually rely more on a Corporate entity (as compared to the Sole Propreitorship).

But Single member companies exist in many countries, like UK, Ireland, Australia, Singapore, Pakistan and many states of USA. Even China allows this. Now your wait is coming to a close. You can create a Single Shareholder Company in near future.

Usually, in India, people involve their spouse (Husband/Wife), or Parents / friends, to become that comember, and only then they can create that new company.

Single member Company does not mean there are no staff

This company can and shall surely have dozens or even hundreds of staff members and workers. The only point is that your "Shareholder" is "one only".



Single member Company for Wholly owned Subsidiary

Today as the Indian Businesses are expanding, sometimes you want to open a new company that is a almost a division of the main company, but you want a separate legal entity.

In Past \Rightarrow you were forced to keep at least 2 shareholders, even if it was a nominee Shareholder with just 1 share (and that too held on behalf of the main shareholder)

In future → Single shareholder, that is the parent company is sufficient.

MNC's working in India

One Person Company (OPC) for Wholly owned Subsidiary

Surely,

Infact, sometimes, it is felt that this feature was incorporated in the Bill, keeping in mind their need too. This foreign company (Thousands of them exist in India), was forced to take up "2 shareholders". So, now things will be more simple.

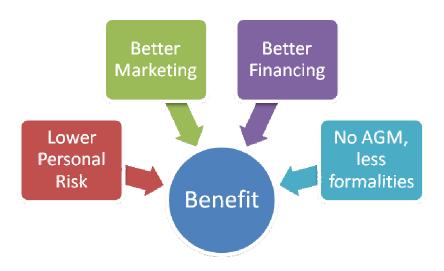
Will this OPC be forced to comply with 100% of legal requirements?

In India, the JJ Irani Expert Committee recommended the formation of one-person company (OPC). It has also suggested that such an entity may be provided with a simpler legal regime through exemptions so that the single entrepreneur is not compelled to fritter away time, energy and resources on procedural matters. Example: Holding of a AGM – When the number of shareholder is only 1, then what is the exact use of a large AGM? Similarly, Quorum, EGM etc have been made "non-applicable".

Section 96. (1) says

Every company other than a One Person Company shall in each year hold in addition to any other meetings, a general meeting as <u>its annual general meeting</u> and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, and not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the date of one annual general

Benefit as compared to Sole Propreitor?





What if that single member dies?

Section 3(1)(c) lays down:

"Provided that the memorandum of One Person Company shall indicate the name of the other person, with his prior written consent in the prescribed form, who shall, in the event of the subscriber's death or his incapacity to contract become the member of the company and the written consent of such person shall also be filed with the Registrar at the time of incorporation of the One Person Company along with its memorandum and articles:"

Means >> Law keeps that on record, that who will inherit or control the company if that first person dies / or incapacitated .

How will I know that this is a OPC ?

Section 12(3)(d) lays down

Provided further that the words "One Person Company" shall be mentioned in brackets below the name of such company, wherever its name is printed, affixed or engraved.

Means >> Tentative examples :

- Vijay Traders (One Person Company), or
- Suresh Automotive Engineers (One Person Company), or
- Kavita Boutiques (One Person Company)

Who will sign the Annual Returns?

Section 92 lays down that it will be signed by the Company Secretary. And if there is no CS, then it will be signed by the Director

How many Directors in a OPC?

Section 149 (1) says

Every company shall have a Board of Directors consisting of individuals asdirectors and shall have—
(a) a minimum number of three directors in the case of a public company, two directors in the case of a private company, and one director in the case of a One Person Company;

Minimum1 directorMaximum15 directors



What Should the I-am-SME-of-India member do? Appreciate it?





Yes. It is a good idea.

Come corporatize yourself.

Grow your business.

The laws are changing to make your life easier.

Some Tips and Reminders

- 7th Feb 2013 = Last date for TDS deposit for Jan 2013
- Staff TDS = review, call for 80C LIC, NSC, housing loan supports, else warn them for TDS deduction based on evidences already filed. Tell them that Insurance companies will be most happy, if you make the payment due for March 13, in Jan 2013.
- Make Provisional Balance Sheets, and review the advance tax paid, if balance, pay now
- Review your ERP software, if you should upgrade, do it NOW.

For queries, suggestions and feedback, you can e-mail us

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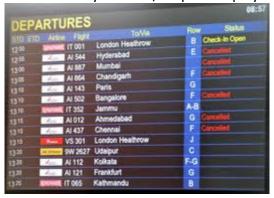


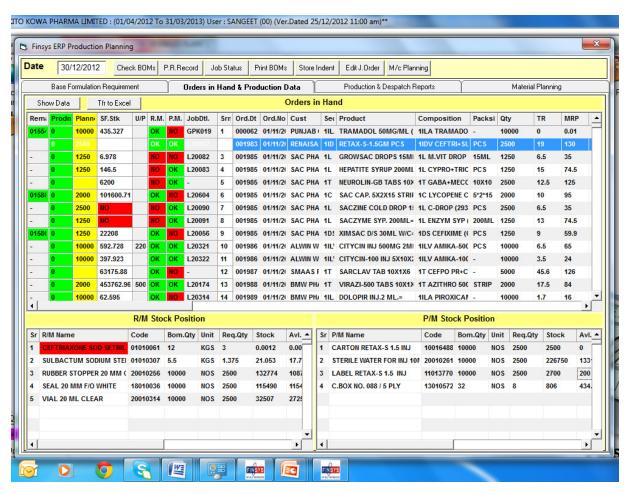


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