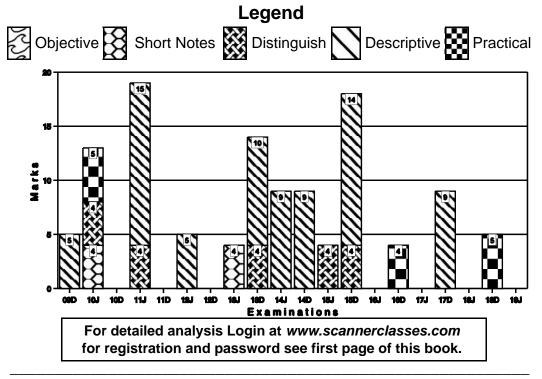


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CHAPTER AT A GLANCE

Company

A company is an association of both natural and artificial persons incorporated under the existing law of a country. A company has a separate legal entity from the persons constituting it.

Characteristics of a company

The main characteristics of a company are corporate personality, limited liability, perpetual succession, separate property, transferability of shares, common seal, capacity to sue and be sued, contractual rights, limitation of action, separate management, termination of existence etc.

Compared to other types of business associations

As compared to other types of business associations, an incorporated company has the advantage of corporate personality, limited liability, perpetual succession, transferable shares, separate property, capacity to sue, flexibility and autonomy.

Disadvantages and inconveniences in incorporation

There are, however, certain disadvantages and inconveniences in incorporation. Some of these disadvantages are formalities and expenses, corporate disclosures, separation of control from ownership, greater social responsibility, greater tax burden in certain cases, cumbersome winding-up procedure.

Doctrine of lifting of or piercing the corporate veil

(1) Sometime veil of corporate personality is used for some dishonest and fraudulent purpose in that case NCLT will look into reality and remove the corporate veil.

In the following case the Tribunal have lifted the corporate veil.

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- Prevention of fraud and misconduct [Gilford Motor Co. Vs. Horne [1933] Ch 935]
- The company is in reality an agency or trust for someone else [Re. F G Films Ltd. (1953) 1 All E.R. 615]
- Protection of public policy [Connors Vs. Connors Ltd. (1940) 4 All E.R. 179]
- Enemy character of company [Daimler Co. Ltd. Vs. Continental Tyre and Rubber Co. (1916) 2 A.C. 307]
- To protect labour welfare legislation [Workmen of Associated Rubber Industries Ltd. Vs. Associated Rubber Industries Ltd. A.I.R. 1986 SC 1]
- Use of corporate veil for hiding criminal activities.
- To punish for contempt of Court [Jyoti Limited Vs. Kanwaljit Kavr Bhasin 32] (1987) DLT 198]
- (2) Where a fraudulent and dishonest use is made of the legal entity, the individuals concerned will not be allowed to take shelter behind the corporate personality.
- (3) The NCLT will break through the corporate shell and apply the principle/doctrine of what is called as "lifting of or piercing the corporate veil".

LLP

It is an alternative corporate business form that gives the benefits of limited liability of a company and the flexibility of a partnership. LLP can continue its existence irrespective of changes in partners.

It is capable of entering into contracts and holding property in its own name. LLP is a separate legal entity, and is liable to the full extent of its assets but liability of the partners is limited to their agreed contribution in the LLP.

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Corporation

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An organization formed under state law for the purpose of carrying on a business enterprise in such a manner as to make the enterprise distinct from its owners.

Illegal association

As per **Section 464 of Companies Act,** no association or partnership consisting of more than such number of persons as may be prescribed shall be formed for the purpose of carrying on any business that has for its object the acquisition of gain by the association or partnership or by the individual members thereof, unless it is registered as a company under this Act or is formed under any other law for the time being in force. The number of persons which may be prescribed under this section shall not exceed 100. **Rule 10** of **Companies (Miscellaneous) Rules, 2014** prescribes 50 persons in this regard.

Effects of an illegal association: An illegal association:

- (i) Cannot enter into any contract.
- (ii) Cannot sue any member, or outsider, not even if the company is subsequently registered.
- (iii) Cannot be sued by a member, or an outsider for recovery of any debts.
- (iv) Cannot be wound up by an order of the Tribunal. In fact, the Tribunal cannot entertain a petition for winding up as an unregistered company, for if it did, it would be indirectly according recognition to the illegal association. [Raghubar Dayal Vs. Sarafa Chamber A.I.R. 1954 All. 555]

However, an illegal association is liable to be taxed. [Kumara Swamy Chattiar Vs. Income Tax Officer (1957) I.T.R. 457].

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Company as a Citizen

- The company, though a legal person, is not a citizen under the **Citizenship Act, 1955** or under the Constitution of India.
- In State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. Vs. CTO AIR 1963 SC 1811, the Supreme Court held that the State Trading Corporation though a legal person, was not a citizen and can act only through natural persons.

Nationality & Residence

- Though it is established through judicial decisions that a company cannot be a citizen, yet it has nationality, domicile and residence.
- In *Gasque Vs. Inland Revenue Commissioners (1940) 2 K.B. 88,* it was held that a limited company is capable of having a domicile and its domicile is the place of its registration and that domicile clings to it throughout its existence.

SHORT NOTES

2008 - Dec [5] (b) Write short note on the following :

(ii) The separate personality of a company is a statutory privilege and it must be used for legitimate business purposes only.

(4 marks) [CSEM - II]

Sr. No.	Heading	Description
1.	Authenticity of the statement	Statement is correct.
2.	Statutory Pri- vilege for legiti- mate purpose	As separate personality of the company is a statutory privilege and it must be used for legitimate business purpose only.

Answer:

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3.	"Lifting of or piercing the corporate veil"	Where a fraudulent and dishonest use is made of the legal entity, the individuals concerns will not be allowed to take shelter behind the corporate personality. The Tribunal will break through the corporate veil.
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2010 - June [8] Write a note on the following:

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(i) Disadvantages of corporate form of enterprise (4 marks) [CSEM - II] Answer:

Disadvantages of corporate form of enterprises:

There are certain disadvantages of a corporate form of enterprise. Some of these disadvantages are:

(a)	Formalities and expenses	Formation of a company is coupled with difficult and detailed legal formalities and procedure involving considerable amount of time and money.
(b)	Greater tax burden	In few circumstances, the tax burden on a company is more than that in comparison to other form of business organization.
(c)	Greater social responsibility	Having regard to the enormous powers wielded by the companies and the impact they have on the society, the companies are called upon to show greater social responsibility in their working.
(d)	Detailed winding up procedure	Detailed procedure for winding - up of companies which is more expensive and more time consuming.

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2013 - June [6] Write a note on the following:

(v) Illegal association.

(4 marks) [CSEM - II]

Answer:

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DISTINGUISH BETWEEN

2010 - June [6] Distinguish between the following:

(i) 'Company' and 'corporation'.

(4 marks) [CSEM - II]

Answer:

Distinction between Company and Corporation.

1.	Wider Concept of the Word "Corporation"	The term body corporate is much wider in concept than the word company because it includes:	
		(a) Companies	Formed and registered under the Companies Act, 2013 that is all Indian Companies.
		(b) Foreign Com- panies	Companies incorporated outside India that is foreign companies.
		(c) Public Finan- cial Institution	
		(d) Nationalized Bank	

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	(e) Corporations formed under acts of Parlia- ments		
	(f) Limited Liabilities Partnerships	Registered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008 .	
		1) of Companies Act, 2013, rate does not include :	
	(a) Co-operative Society	Registered under any law relating to Co-operative Societies.	
	 (b) Any other body corporate, notified by Central Government in its official gazette 	But not being a company as defined in this Act.	

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2011 - June [3] Distinguish between the following :

(i) 'Company' and 'corporation'.	(4 marks) <i>[CSEM - II]</i>
Answer:	
Please refer 2010 - June [6] (i) on page no. 23	
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2013 - Dec [2] Distinguish between the following:

(a) 'Company' and 'partnership firm'.

(4 marks)

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Answer:

S. No.	Торіс	Company	Partnership Firm
1	Regulating Act	A Company is regulated by the Companies Act , 2013 .	While a partnership is governed by the Indian Partnership Act, 1932.
2	Mode of Creation	Registration is compulsory in case of company.	Whereas registration is optional in Partnership.
3	Minimum Membership	Whereas the minimum number of members in a private company are two and that in case of public company are seven members.	In partnership, the minimum number of partners are two.
4	Maximum Membership	 Maximum number of member are: For private company: 200 For Public company : Unlimited 	A partnership with objects of acquisition for gains cannot be formed beyond 50 numbers of partners. [Section 464 read with Rule 10 of Companies (Miscella- neous) Rules, 2014]
5	Legal Status	A company has a separate legal personality distinct from that of its members.	Whereas partnership is not a distinct person, it comprises of several persons who compose it.

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6	Liability of Members	In case of company, the liability of shareholders is limited to the extent of their share capital or upto the amount of guarantee given by them.	But in case of partnership the liability of partner is unlimited. Each partner is liable to an unlimited extent for the debt incurred in the ordinary course of business.
7	Transfer of Share	Shares of a Public Co. are freely transferable	But in case of partnership, no partner can transfer his share without the consent of other partner.

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2015 - June [2] Distinguish between the following :

(c) 'Limited liability partnership' and 'body corporate'. (4 marks) Answer:

Limited Liability Partnership (LLP) and Body Corporate

Sr. No.	Basis	Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)	Body Corporate
1.	Regulation	LLP is an alternative form of corporate business, not being a company, that gives the benefits of limited liability of a company and the flexibility of a partnership. LLP is covered under the Limited Liability Partnership Act, 2008.	registered under any

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			 (ii) any other body corporate (not being a company as defined in this Act), which the Central Government may, by notification, specify in this behalf. 	
2.	Incorpora- tion as one person Company	LLP can't be incorporated by One Person.	A body corporate may be a company incorporated by one person as One Person Company.	
3.	LLP as body corporate and <i>Vice-</i> <i>Versa</i>	A LLP may be a body corporate.	But the <i>vice-versa</i> may not be true.	
4.	Compli- ance Require- ments	LLP will have lesser compliance require- ments.	A body corporate will have more compliance requirements.	

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2015 - Dec [2] Distinguish between the following:

(a) 'Company' and 'limited liability partnership'.

(4 marks)

Answer:

S. No.	Heading	Description	
1.	Regulation	A basic difference between an LLP and a joint stock company lies in that the internal governance structure of a company is	

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		regulated by statute (i.e. Companies Act, 2013) whereas for an LLP it would be by a contractual agreement between partners.	
2.	Management	The management-ownership divide inherent in a company is not there in a limited liability partnership.	
3.	Compliance requirements	LLP will have lesse as compared to a c	r compliance requirements company.
4.	Benefit of limited liability and Flexibility	(a) Limited Liability	 LLP is an alternative corporate business form that gives the benefits of limited liability of a company and the flexibility of a partnership. LLP can continue its existence irrespective of changes in partners. It is capable of entering into contracts and holding property in its own name. LLP is a separate legal entity, is liable to the full extent of its assets but liability of the partners is limited to their agreed contribution in the LLP.

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		(b) Flexibility	LLP will have more flexibility as compared to a company.		
5.	Enforcement of contracts	LLP is a body corporate and a legal entity separate from its partners, having perpetual succession.			
6.	LLP as a business model	 (i) is organized of an agreem (ii) provides fle detailed lo requirements (iii) enables profe and initiative 	essional/technical expertise to combine with financial spacity in an innovative and		

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DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

2008 - June [6] (b) Two companies are incorporated with the same set of shareholders. Are they same or distinct under the Companies Act, 2013? Discuss. (4 marks) [CSIG - II]

Answer:

L	Separate Legal Entity	(i) Separate Corporate Perso- nality	On incorporation, a company becomes a separate legal person in the eyes of law. The company is vested with a corporate personality distinct from individuals who are its members.
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		(ii) Own Name and acts	Being a separate legal entity, it bears its own name and acts under a distinct corporate name.
		(iii) Owned assets	Its assets are separate and distinct from those of its members.
		(iv) Different person from promoters	It is also different 'person' from the members who compose it.
		(v) Owned properties, borrowing money etc	As such, it is capable of owning property, incurring debts, borrowing money, having a bank account, employing people, entering into contracts and suing or being sued in the same manner as an individual.
2.	Conclusion	Thus, the two companies which are incorporated with the same set of shareholders are nevertheless distinct and separate entities [Patinson v. Bindya Debi AIR 1933 Pat 196]. [Theory of Corporate veil; Saloman v. Saloman & Co. Ltd.]	

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2008 - Dec [1] {C} Comment on the following :

(i) Common seal of a company will have to be affixed on all the letters and documents of the company.
 (5 marks) [CSEM - II]

Answer:

(A)	Authenticity of the statement	Statement is not correct.	
(B)	Provisions of Companies Act	 Resolution of Board is required for affixing common seal (if any) of the company on deed and contracts. 	

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			two suc app	directors and (h other persor	xed only in presence of Company Secretary or n as the Board may ose in accordance with ciation.
		Made k Words be om	to	panies (Amend Words to be substituted with	Iment) Act, 2015 New Provisions to be inserted in the section
1.	Section 9	The words "and a common seal" shall be omitted		_	_
2.	Section 22 sub section (2)	_		(a) for the words "under its common seal", the words "under its common seal, if any," shall be substituted;	(b) The following proviso shall be inserted, namely:— "Provided that in case a company does not have a common seal, the authorisation under this sub-section shall be made by two directors or by a director and the Company Secretary, w h e r e v e r th e c o m p a n y h a s appointed a Company Secretary."

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3.	Section 22 Subsection (3)	The words "and have the effect as if it were made under its common seal" shall be omitted		
4.	Section 46, sub section (1)		For the words "issued under the common seal of the company", the words "issued under the common seal, if any, of the company or signed by two directors or by a director and the Company Secretary, wherever the company has appointed a C o m p a n y Secretary" s h a II b e substituted.	
(c)	Seal when to be used	The article for affixin documents	ng the seal o	of a company provide of the company on

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	 The company seal may be affixed on the followin documents after authorisation from AOA & Boar resolution: (i) Power of attorney. (ii) Deed of lease (iii) Share certificate (iv) Deed of mortgage (v) Promissory notes (vi) Share Warrant etc. 	•		

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2008 - Dec [8] (a) What do you understand by the term 'illegal association' ?
(8 marks) [CSEM - II]

Answer: Illegal Association:

1.	Provisions of Section 464 of Companies Act, 2013	Mandatory requirement of regist- ration	No association or partnership consisting of more than such number of persons as may be prescribed shall be formed for the purpose of carrying on any business that has for its object the acquisition of gain by the association or partnership or by the individual members thereof, unless it is registered as a company under this Act or is formed under any other law for the time being in force. The number of persons which may be prescribed under this section shall not exceed 100.
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		Exceptions	 This section does not apply to: (a) Hindu Undivided Family or (b) An association or partnership formed by professionals who are governed by special Acts like LLP.
2.	Rule 10 of Companies (Misc) Rules, 2014 as Notified on 1 st April, 2014	Maximum number of members	Any unregistered association shall be treated as illegal association provided such association has more than 50 members.
3.	Companies Act, 2013	Maximum number of Partners	Maximum number of partners of a partnership firm registered under Partnership Act other than LLP. should not exceed 50.
		Limit for banking and other business	As per Companies Act, 2013, no separate limit is specified for banking and other business, earlier it was 10 in case of banking business and 20 in case of other business.
4.	Hindu Undivided Family Firms	Limit for members in Hindu Undivided Family	If two or more joint Hindu family firms carry on business together and the combined number of major members exceeds 50, then their association will become illegal.
		Minor members of Joint families	In computing the number for illegal association, minor members of joint families are to be ignored.

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		Minor members on attaining majority	If by reason of minor members of such joint families on attaining majority, the number of persons exceeds the statutory limit, it will become an illegal association.
5.	Effects of an Illegal Association	Consequen- ces	 Cannot enter into any contract. Cannot sue any member, or outsider, not even if the company is subsequently registered. Cannot be sued by a member, or an outsider for recovery of any debts. Cannot be wound up by an order of the Tribunal. In fact, the Tribunal, cannot entertain a petition for winding up as an unregistered company, for if it did, it would be indirectly according recognition to the illegal association.
6.	Penalty	Fine	Every member of an illegal association shall be punishable with fine which may extend to ₹ 1 lakh and shall also be personally liable for all liabilities incurred in such business.

Note: However, an illegal association is liable to be taxed. [Kumara Swamy Chattiar Vs. Income Tax Officer (1957) I.T.R. 457]. The members of an illegal association are individually liable in respect of all acts or contracts made on behalf of the association; they cannot either individually or collectively, bring an action to enforce any contract so made, or to recover any debt due to the association. [Wilkinson Vs. Levison (1925)42 T.L.R. 97]

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2009 - Dec [1] {C} Attempt the following :

(v) "Common seal of a company will have to be affixed on all the letters and documents of the company." Discuss. (5 marks) [CSIM - II]

Answer:

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2011 - June [1] {C} Comment on the following :

- (ii) The managing director and other directors of a company are not liable to be sued for dues against a company. (5 marks) [CSEM II]
- (iii) The competent Tribunal of law can entertain a petition for winding-up of an illegal association under company law. (5 marks) [CSEM II]
- (iv) A company can be regarded as having enemy character under certain circumstances. (5 marks) [CSEM II]

Answer:	
(ii)	

1.	Authenticity of the statement	A company being a juristic person, it can sue and can be sued by others in it own name.	
2.	Case Law	Abdul Haq Vs. Das Mal	If an employee was not paid his salary for several months. He may file a suit against the director of the company for the recovery of the amount of salary due to him. It is held that he will not succeed because the remedy lies against the company and not against the directors or members of the company.

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(iii)			
1.	No recogni- tion to illegal association by Law	The law does not recognize illegal association and therefore cannot be wound up by order of Tribunal.	
2.	Conclusion	The Tribunal cannot entertain a petition for the winding up of a company formed in contravention of Companies Act, 2013.	
(iv)			
1.	Authenticity of the State- ment	The statement is correct based on a case Law - Daimler Co. Ltd. vs. Continental Tyre and Rubber Co. Ltd.	
2.	Analysis of the case law	-	

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2012 - June [1] {C} Comment on the following:

(ii) A shareholder who holds 99% of the share capital of a company can be held liable for the acts of the company. (5 marks) [CSEM - II]

Answer:

1.	Authenticity of	The statement is not true.	
	the statement		
2.	Separate Legal Entity	 A company is an artificial person. It is formed and registered under the Companies Act. It has distinct legal entity. Its personality is separate and distinct from its members. The company's money and property belong to the company and not to the members of company. Similarly, the members' personal property can not be held liable to pay the creditors of the company. 	
3.	Characteristics	In some cases company is treated as a natural	
	of company	person.	
		(a) It can make contracts.	
		(b) Open a bank account.	
		(c) Can sue and be sued by others.	
		(d) It can also own property.	
4.	Analysis of	This point has clearly established the principle that	
	Case Law:	once a company has been validly constituted	
	Saloman Vs.	under the Companies Act, 2013, it becomes a	
	Saloman	legal person distinct from its members and for this	
	Company Ltd.	purpose, it is immaterial whether any member has	
		a large or small proportion of the share capital, and	
		whether he holds those shares beneficially or as a	
		mere trustee.	
5.	Conclusion	Hence, shareholders can not be held liable for the	
		acts of the company.	

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2013 - Dec [1] Comment on the following:

- (b) A shareholder is held personally liable for the acts of the company, if he holds virtually the entire share capital of the company.
- (d) Common seal acts as the official signature of a company.

(5 marks each)

Answer:

(a)		
S.	Heading	Description
No.		
1.	Authenticity of	The statement is correct.
	the statement	
2.	Contracts under	On incorporation, a company acquires
	the seal of the	legal entity with perpetual succession and
	company	a common seal.
		Since the company has no physical
		existence, it must act through its agents
		and all such contracts entered into by its
		agents must be under the seal of the
		company.
3.	Official signature	The common seal acts as the official signature
	of the company	of a company. The name of the company must
		be engraved on its common seal.
4.	Authenticity of a	> A rubber stamp of the company on a
	document	document does not make it authentic and
		legal unless such document bears the
		common seal of the company.
		> The Companies Act or the Articles of
		Association of a company may require
		certain instruments or documents to be
		executed under the common seal of the
		company.

(b) Please refer 2012 - June [1] {C} (ii) on page no. <u>38</u> (d)

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5.	Safe custody of	The person authorised to use the seal should	
	the common seal	ensure that it is kept under his personal	
		custody and is used very carefully because	
		any deed, instrument or a document to which	
		seal is improperly or fraudulently affixed will	
		involve the company in legal action and	
		litigation.	
6.	Deeds or con-	According to the Companies Act, the	
	tracts to be	following deeds and contracts are required	
	under the	to be under the common seal of the	
	common seal	company:	
	Common Scar	Power of attorney	
		➤ Share certificates	
		 Share warrant 	
		Any deed as required by articles	
7.	Companies	As per the said amendment, the mandatory	
	Amendment Act,	requirement of Common seal has been	
	2015	removed.	

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2014 - June [1] Comment on the following:

(b) Common seal can be used by any employee of the company irrespective of his designation. (5 marks)

Answer:

Please refer 2008 - Dec [1] {C} (i) on page no. 30

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2014 - June [5] Answer the following citing the relevant provisions of law/case law, if any:

(c) "Separate personality of a company is a special privilege. In case of dishonest or fraudulent use of this privilege, corporate veil can be lifted". Discuss.
 (4 marks)

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Answer:

Doctrine of lifting of or piercing the corporate veil:

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1.	Meaning of lifting or piercing the corporate veil	 statutory privillegitimate busillegitimate busillegitimate busile Where a frauding of the legal entropy of the legal entropy of the allowed corporate persent of the Tribunal with the Tribunal with the tribunal with and take action from the members or the tribust of the tribust of the tribust of the tribust of the take action from the members or the take action from take action from the take action from the take action from take action f	personality of a company is a lege and it must be used for iness purposes only. Julent and dishonest use is made tity, the individuals concerned will ed to take shelter behind the sonality. will break through the corporate y the principle/doctrine of what is g of or piercing the corporate veil". vill look behind the corporate entity on as though no entity separate mbers existed and make the he controlling persons liable for gations of the company.
2.	When it is lifted	Concerned Case Law: [BSN (UK) Ltd. v. Janardan Mohandas Rajan Pillai [1996] 86 Com Cases 371 (Bom).]	The corporate veil is lifted when in defence proceedings, such as for the evasion of tax, an entity relies on its corporate personality as a shield to cover its wrong doings.
3.	Share- holders not permitted for the lifting of the veil for their purpose	Concerned Case Law: Premlata Bhatia v. Union of Indian (2004) 58 CL 217 (Delhi)	This was held in wherein the premises of a shop were allotted on a licence to the individual licencee. She set up a wholly owned private company and transferred the premises to that company with the Government

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consent. She could not remove the illegality by saying that she
and her company were virtually the same person.

In the following cases the Tribunal have lifted the corporate veil.

1	Prevention of fraud and misconduct	Where the medium of a company has been used for committing fraud or improper conduct, the Courts have lifted the veil and looked at the realities of the situation. <i>[Gilford Motor Co. Vs.</i> <i>Horne [1993] Ch 935]</i>
2	Company acting as agent	Where the company is in reality an agency or trust for someone else and the corporate facade is used to cover up that agency or trust. [Re F G <i>Films Ltd.</i> (1953) 1 All E.R. 615]
3	Protection of public policy	Where the doctrine conflicts with public policy, Tribunal have lifted the corporation veil for protecting the public policy. [Connors Vs. Connors Ltd. (1940) 4 All E.R. 179]
4	Enemy Character of Company	Tribunal will lift the corporate veil if the company has enemy character. [Daimler Co. Ltd. Vs. Continental Tyre and Rubber Co. (1916) 2 A.C. 307]
5	Evasion of taxes	Where the veil has been used for evasion of taxes and duties, the Tribunal upheld the piercing of the veil to look at the real transaction. <i>[Re. Dinshaw</i> <i>Maneckjee Petit A.I.R.</i> 1927 Bombay 371]
6	To protect labour welfare legislation	Where the purpose of company formation was to avoid the welfare legislation, the Tribunal will lift the corporate veil.

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formation of new company was to use device to reduce the amount to be paid b bonus to workman the Supreme Court up piercing of the veil to look at the tran [Workmen of Associated Rubber Inc		Where it was found that the sole purpose for the formation of new company was to use it as a device to reduce the amount to be paid by way of bonus to workman the Supreme Court upheld the piercing of the veil to look at the transaction. <i>[Workmen of Associated Rubber Industries Ltd. Vs. Associated Rubber Industries Ltd. A.I.R. 1986 SC1]</i>
7	Use of corporate veil for hiding criminal activities	Where the defendant used the corporate structure as a device to conceal his criminal activities (evasion of customs and excise duties), the Tribunal could lift the corporate veil and treat the assets of the company as the realizable property of the shareholder.

2014 - Dec [1] Comment with reasons on the following:

(a) Piercing through corporate veil.

(5 marks)

Answer:

Please refer 2014 - June [5] (c) on page no. 40

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2014 - Dec [2A] (Or) (i) In an annual general meeting of Amar (Pvt.)Ltd., all the shareholders were killed in a bomb blast. State, whether the company is still in existence. If so, how? (4 marks)

Answer:

S. No.	Heading	Description
1.	Perpetual Succession	• Perpetual Succession, therefore, means that the membership of a company may keep changing from time to time, but that does not affect its continuity.

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		• A company, being a separate legal person is unaffected by death or departure of any member and remains the same entity, despite total change in the membership.
2.	Death only on winding of the company	 An incorporated company never dies except when it is wound up as per law.
3.	Change in membership	 The membership of an incorporated company may change either because one shareholder has transferred his shares to another or his shares devolve on his legal representatives on his death or he ceases to be a member under some other provisions of the Companies Act. Thus, perpetual succession denotes the ability of a company to maintain its existence by the constant succession of new individuals who step into the shoes of those who cease to be members of the company.
4.	Survival of company even after death of all the members during war	• A company's life is determined by the terms of its Memorandum of Association. It may be perpetual or it may continue for a specified time to carry on a task or object as laid down in the Memorandum of Association.

Note:

Professor L.C.B. Gower rightly mentions, "Members may come and go, but the company can go on forever. During the war all the members of one private company, while in general meeting, were killed by a bomb, but the company survived - not even a hydrogen bomb could have destroyed it".

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2015 - Dec [1] Comment on the following:

- (a) A company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013, being an artificial person, is not entitled to sue a natural person or to sue another company incorporated under the same Act.
 (5 marks)
- (d) A company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013 never dies except when it is wound-up as per the law. (5 marks)

Answer:

<u>(a)</u>		
S. No.	Heading	Description
1.	Authenticity of the statement	A Company being a body corporate, can sue and be sued in its own name.
2.	Legal Frame- work	 To sue, means to institute legal proceedings against (a person) or to bring a suit in a Tribunal of law. All legal proceedings against the company are to be instituted in its name. Similarly, the company may bring an action against anyone in its own name.
3.	Company's right to sue for damages	 A company's right to sue arises when some loss is caused to the company, i.e. to the property or the personality of the company. Hence, the company is entitled to sue for damages for libel or slander as the case may be [<i>Floating Services Ltd. vs. MV San Fransceco Dipaloa</i> (2004) 52 SCL 762 (Guj)]. A company, as a person distinct from its members, may even sue one of its own members.

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4.	Conclusion	Hence, a company is entitled to sue a natural
		person or to sue another company incorporated
		under the Companies Act, 2013 in its own name.

(d) Please refer 2014 - Dec [2A] (Or) (i) on page no. <u>43</u>

However in case of merger, the transferor company is dissolved without winding up.

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2015 - Dec [2A] (Or) (i) Explain clearly the meaning of 'lifting of corporate veil' in relation to a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. Examining the judicial decisions, state whether 'corporate veil' can be lifted in the following cases:

(a) Where the corporate veil has been used for improper conduct; and

(b) Where the acts of a company are opposed to workmen? (4 marks) Answer:

S. No.	Heading	Description	
1.	Lifting of Corporate Veil under Judicial Interpretation	& Co. Ltd., (189 reluctant or at le corporate perso behind it. Neve necessary to dis	ecision in Salomon vs. Salomon (7) A.C. 22 , normally Tribunal are east very cautious to lift the veil of onality to see the real persons rtheless, Tribunal have found it regard the separate personality of the following situations:
	(a) Where the corporate veil has been used for com- mission of fraud or improper conduct	Case Laws: In Jones vs. Lipman, (1962) I.W L.R. 832	 In this case the court lifted the veil and looked at the realities in the situation. A agreed to sell certain land to B. Pending completion of formalities of the said deal, A sold and transferred the land to a company which he had incorporated with a

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		nominal capital of £100 and of which he and a clerk were the only shareholders and directors. This was done in order to escape a decree for specific performance in a suit brought by B. The Tribunal held that the company was the creature of A and a mask to avoid recognition and that in the eyes of equity A must complete the contract, since he had the full control of the limited company in which the property was vested, and was in a position to cause the contract in question to be fulfilled.
(b) Where the acts of a company are op- posed to workmen	The Associa- ted Rubber Industries Ltd. Bhavnagar & another, AIR 1986 SC 1	 It has been decided in The Associated Rubber Industries Ltd. Bhavnagar & another, AIR 1986 SC 1 that where the acts of the company are opposed to workmen the corporate veil may be lifted. Brief facts of the case: In this case, a new company was created wholly by the principal company and with assets of its own except those transferred to it by the

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2.32	principal company and with no, business or income of its own except receiving dividends from share transferred to it by the principal company i.e. only for the purpose of splitting the profits into two hands and thereby reducing the obligation to pay bonus. The Supreme Court held that the new company was formed as a device to reduce the gross profits of the principal company and thereby reduce the amount to be paid by way of bonus to workmen. The amount of dividends received by the new company should, therefore be taken into account in assessing the gross profit of
	the principal company. The corporate veil, therefore was lifted in this case.

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2017 - Dec [1] Comment on the following:

(d) Three companies incorporated with the same set of shareholders are treated as same companies under the Companies Act, 2013.

(5 marks)

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Answer:

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1.	Separate Legal Entity	(i)	Separate Corporate Personality	On incorporation, a company becomes a separate legal person in the eyes of law. The company is vested with a corporate personality distinct from individuals who are its members.
		(ii)	Own Name and acts	Being a separate legal entity, it bears its own name and acts under a distinct corporate name.
		(iii)	Owned assets	Its assets are separate and distinct from those of its members.
		(iv)	Different person from promoters	It is also different 'person' from the members who compose it.
		(v)	Owned properties, borrowing money etc	As such, it is capable of owning property, incurring debts, borrowing money, having a bank account, employing people, entering into contracts and suing or being sued in the same manner as an individual.
2.	Conclusion	the and 193	same set of sha I separate entit	panies which are incorporated with areholders are nevertheless distinct ies [Patinson v. Bindya Debi AIR heory of Corporate veil; Saloman . Ltd.]

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2017 - Dec [3] (c) One of the subscribers to Memorandum of Association of a company under process of incorporation is a foreign national residing outside India. State the provisions of Companies Act, 2013 regarding authentication of his signature and address. Will the requirement of business visa be applicable to his case if he is a person of Indian origin or overseas citizen of India? (4 marks)

Answer:

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Where subscriber to the memorandum is a foreign national residing outside India:

- (a) in a country in any part of the Commonwealth, his signatures and address on the memorandum and articles of association and proof of identity shall be notarized by a Notary (Public) in that part of the Commonwealth.
- (b) in a country which is a party to the Hague Apostille Convention, 1961, his signatures and address on the memorandum and articles of association and proof of identity shall be notarized before the Notary (Public) of the country of his origin and be duly apostillised in accordance with the said Hague Convention.
- (c) in a country outside the Commonwealth and which is not a party to the Hague Apostille Convention, 1961, his signatures and address on the memorandum and articles of association and proof of identity, shall be notarized before the Notary (Public) of such country and the certificate of the Notary (Public) shall be authenticated by a Diplomatic or Consular Officer empowered in this behalf under Section 3 of the Diplomatic and Consular Officers (Oaths and Fees) Act, 1948 (40 of 1948) or, where there is no such officer by any of the officials mentioned in Section 6 of the Commissioners of Oaths Act, 1889 (52 and 53 Vic.C.10), or in any Act amending the same;

(d) visited in India and intended to incorporate a company, in such case the incorporation shall be allowed if, he/she is having a valid Business Visa.
 Explanation: For the purposes of this clause, it is hereby clarified that, in case of Person is of Indian Origin or Overseas Citizen of India, requirement of business Visa shall not be applicable.

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PRACTICAL QUESTIONS

2010 - June [5] (b) Rani is a wealthy lady enjoying large dividend and interest income. She has formed three private companies and agreed with each of them to hold a block of investment as an agent for it. Income received was credited in the accounts of the company but the company handed back the amount to her as a pretended loan. This way, she divided her income in three parts in a bid to reduce her tax liability. Discuss the legality of the purpose for which the three companies were formed.

Answer:

(5 marks) *[CSEM - II]*

1.	Leading Case Law	Sir Dinshaw Manak jee Petit, A.I.R 1927 Bombay 371. If a company is used as a means to evade tax, the Tribunal may disregard the corporate veil.
		Analysis of the case law
		 (A) The Supreme Court held that the Tribunal is entitled to lift the mask of corporate entity, if it is used for tax evasion or to circumvent tax obligations. (B) In such cases individual shareholders may be held liable to pay income tax. (C) In the given case, the facts are similar to the above mentioned case. The reason to which the companies were formed by the assessee was purely and simply as a means of avoiding tax liability and the companies were nothing more than the assessee herself.

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		(D) Therefore, the Tribunal disregarded the corporate veil and found that the companies were formed by the assessee for the purpose of avoiding tax.
2.	Conclusion	Hence, in view of the above case law Rani can be held liable.

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2016 - Dec [4] (d) Six persons are the only members of Tab (Pvt.) Ltd. All of them went to USA on a pleasure trip by aeroplane. On the way, the plane crashed and all the six members died. Does Tab (Pvt.) Ltd. still exist? Decide. (4 marks)

Answer:

1.	Perpetual Succession	 An incorporated company never dies, except when it is wound up as per law. A company, being a separate legal person is unaffected by death or departure of any member and it remains the same entity, despite total change in the membership. A company's life is determined by the terms of its Memorandum of Association. It may be perpetual, or it may continue for a specified time to carry on a task or object as laid down in the Memorandum of Association. 	
2.	Conclusion	The Company has perpetual succession, therefore, means that the membership of a company may keep changing from time to time, but that shall not affect its continuity. Therefore, TAB PVT. LTD. still exist despite of the death of all its members.	

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2018 - Dec [1] Comment on the following:

(a) Raman Pvt. Ltd. has only two shareholders, X and Y. All shares were fully paid-up X sold all his shares to Y and the company carries on its business activities thereafter. (5 marks)

Answer:

Under section 3A of Companies Act, 2013, if at any time the number of members of a company is reduced, in the case of a private company, below two, and the company carries on business for more than six months while the number of members is so reduced, every person who is a member of the company during the time that it so carries on business after those six months and is cognisant of the fact that it is carrying on business with less than two members, shall be severally liable for the payment of the whole debts of the company contracted during that time, and may be severally sued therefor. **Therefore in the above case** of Raman Pvt. Ltd., out of the two shareholders X and Y, X sold all his shares to Y and the company carried on its business activities thereafter, pursuant to the referred section where the company carries its business for more than six months, Mr. Y shall be severally liable for the payment of the company contracted after those six months, and may be severally sued therefor.

TOPICS NOT YET ASKED BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT FOR EXAMINATION

SHORT NOTES

Q1. Write short note on one person company.

Answer:

1 Section 2(62) of define "one person company" as a company v		define "one person company" as a company which
	the Companies	has only one person as member. OPC is a sub -
	Act, 2013:	domain of Private Company as per Section 2(68).

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2	Rule 3 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules 2014:	 say, only a natural person who is an Indian citizen and resident in India: (a) shall be eligible to incorporate a One Person Company; (b) shall be a nominee for the sole member of a One Person Company.
3	A person can incorporate only one "One Person Company"	 The subscriber to the memorandum of a One Person Company shall nominate a person, after obtaining prior written consent of such person, who shall, in the event of the subscriber's death or his incapacity to contract, become the member of that One Person Company. The name of the person nominated shall be mentioned in the memorandum of One Person Company and such nomination in Form SPICE- 32 along with consent of such nominee obtained in Form INC – 3 and fee as provided in the Companies (Registration offices and fees) Rules, 2014 shall be filed with the Registrar at the time of incorporation of the company along with its memorandum and articles. SPICE-32 is form for incorporation of one person company.
4	Attachments:	 (i) Memorandum of Association (ii) Articles of Association (iii) Proof of identity of the member and the nominee (iv) Residential proof of the member and the nominee (v) Copy of PAN card of member and nominee (vi) Consent of Nominee in Form INC – 3 (vii) Declaration from the subscriber and first Director to the memorandum in Form INC – 9

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	having the same registered office address, if
	any;
(ix)	Specimen Signature in Form INC – 10
	Entrenched Articles of Association
(xi)	Proof of Registered Office address
	(Conveyance/ Lease deed/Rent Agreement
	etc. along with rent receipts)
(xii)	Copies of the utility bills (not older than two
(xiii)	months) Proof that the Company is permitted to use the
(XIII)	address as the registered office of the
	Company if the same is owned by any other
	entity/Person (not taken on lease by company)
(xiv)	Consent from Director
(XV) (XV)	Optional Attachments.
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Q2. Distinguish between Hindu Undivided Family and company.

Answer:

Hindu Undivided Family Business	Company
A Hindu Undivided Family Business consists of homogenous (unvarying) members since it consists of members of the joint family itself.	heterogeneous (varied or diverse)

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In a Hindu Undivided Family business the Karta (manager) has the sole authority to contract debts for the purpose of the business, other coparceners cannot do so.	5
A person becomes a member of a Hindu Undivided Family business by virtue of birth.	•
No registration is compulsory for carrying on business for gain by a Hindu Undivided Family even if the number of members exceeds twenty [Shyamlal Roy v. Madhusudan Roy, AIR 1959 Cal. 380 (385)].	0

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DESCRIPTIVE QUESTIONS

Q3. Describe the procedure for incorporation of public company.

Answer:

Requirement of minimum number of directors and shareholders:

There is a minimum requirement of directors and shareholders, as mentioned below:

Public Limited Company

- Minimum Shareholders: 7 (Seven)
- Minimum Directors: 3 (Three)

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Steps for incorporation:

Approving Authority: Registrar of Companies (RoC) and Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

1	Obtaining approval from FIPB (Foreign In- vestment Promo- tion Board), if required:	If the activities of the Indian wholly owned subsidiary fall under Government approval route, then the approval from FIPB has to be obtained.
2	Obtaining DSC(Digital Signature Certificate) of proposed directors:	Digital Signature Certificates (DSC) are the digital equivalent (that is electronic format) of physical or paper certificates. DSC is required to sign any electronic document like e-forms. DSC can be obtained from any licensed Certifying Authority.
3	DIN (Director Identification Number) of proposed directors:	It is mandatory for proposed directors to obtain DIN (Director Identification Number) upto 3 under the Companies Act, 2013 through SPICE form . In case of existing companies DIN can be applied electronically in Form DIR- 3 on the website of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), along with required documents and filing fee.
4	Applying for availability of name:	The fore most step in formation of a company is to apply for availability of name of the proposed company. One must comply with the naming guidelines in this regard. Form INC-1 has to be filed with MCA for reservation of name of the proposed company.

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5	Drafting of Memorandum of Association (MoA) and Articles of Association (AoA):	Memorandum of Association (MoA) is the charter of the company and it sets out its scope of activities. Articles of Association (AoA), on the other hand, regulate the internal working of the company. Both these documents are very crucial to the company and hence, are drafted with utmost caution.
6	Filing incorporation documents:	Once the name is approved from the Registrar of Companies, documents for incorporation have to be filed in Form -32
7	Filing of documents for registered office of the company (within 30 days of incorporation):	The company must have a place of business as its registered office. Form INC-22 has to be filed along with the required documents, within 30 days of date of incorporation of the company.
8	Certificate of Commencement of Business:	A company, after its incorporation, could commence its business only when the subscribed amount has been deposited by the subscribers in the bank account of the company. A declaration from director that all the subscribers of the company had paid the value of shares to be taken by them and the paid-up share capital of the company is not less than five lakh rupees in Form INC-21 was required to be filed within 180 days of its incorporation. In a recent amendment, government has done away with the above -mentioned requirement of obtaining Certificate of Commencement of Business (effective from end of May, 2015 i.e. 29-05-2015).

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Q4. Discuss the new concepts relates to types of companies under companies Act, 2013.

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1	One-person company [Section 3(1)]	The 2013 Act introduces a new type of entity to the existing list i.e. apart from forming a public or private limited company, the Act enables the formation of a new entity a 'one-person company' (OPC). An OPC means a company with only one person as its member.	
2	Private company [Section 2(68)]	The 2013 Act introduces a change in the definition for a private company, <i>inter-alia</i> , the new requirement increases the limit of the number of members from 50 to 200.	
3	Small company [Section 2(85)]	 A small company has been defined as a company, other than a public company. (i) paid-up share capital of which does not exceed fifty lakh rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed which shall not be more than ten crore rupees; and (ii) turnover of which as per profit and loss account for the immediately preceding financial year does not exceed two crore rupees or such higher amount as may be prescribed which shall not be more than one hundred crore rupees: Provided that nothing in this clause shall apply to-(a) a holding company or a subsidiary company; (b) a company registered under section 8; or (c) a company or body corporate governed by any special Act. 	

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4	Dormant company (Section 455)	A company formed and registered under this 2013 for a future project or to hold an asset or intellectual property and has no significant accounting transaction such a company or an inactive company may make an application to the Registrar for obtaining the status of a dormant company.
5	Nidhi company (Section 406)	Nidhi Company means a company which has been incorporated as a Nidhi with the object of cultivating the habit of thrift and savings amongst its members, receiving deposits from, and lending to, its members only, for their mutual benefit, and which complies with such rules as are prescribed by the Central Government for regulation of such class of companies.

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Q5. Describe the procedure for incorporation of private company.	
Answer:	

1	Apply for Name Approval:	Α.	Login on MCA Website Applicant have to login into their account on MCA Website. (Pro-existing users can use earlier account or new users have to create a new account.) After Login user have to click on the icon "RUN"in MCA Service. An online form shall be open. Applicants have to fill the information online. (This
			Applicants have to fill the information online. (This form can't be download)
			Note * since 26 th January, 2018 e-form INC-1 has been omitted from the Companies Act, 2013.

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B.	Details required to be mentioned in online
	form:
	 (i) Entity type (i.e. Part I, OPC, Section 8 etc.) (below table taken from MCA link: http://www.mca.gov.in/MinistryV2/runServic erFAQ.html)
	 (ii) CIN (Corporate Identification Number and it has to be entered only when an existing company wishes to change its name and is using RUN to reserve a new name)
	(iii) Proposed name (Auto Check Facility)
	 (iv) Comment (Mention Objects of the proposed Company and any other relevant information Like Trade Mark etc.)
	(v) Choose File (Any attachment)
C.	Choose File:
	This option is available to upload the PDF documents. If applicant want to attach any file, can be upload at this option.
D.	Submission of Form on MCA Website:
	After completion of above steps user shall submit the Form with MCA website.
E.	Payment of Fees:
	There is no option of pay later challan in RUN. Applicant has to pay fees immediately after submission of form. After payment challan shall be generated.
	Validity of Reserved Name:
	Reserved name shall be valid for 20 days from the date of approval of Name.

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2	Preparation of Documents for Incorpo- ration of Company:	After approval of name or for Incorporation of Company applicant have to prepare the following below mentioned Documents; INC-9 declaration by first subscriber(s) and director(s) (on duly authorized Stamp Papers). DIR-2 declaration from first Directors along with Copy of Proof of Identity and residential address. NOC from the owner of the property. Proof of Office address (Conveyance/ Lease deed/ Rent Agreement etc. along with rent receipts); Copy of the utility bills (not older than two months) In case of subscribers/ Director does not have a DIN, it is mandatory to attach: Proof of identity and residential address of the subscribers All the Subscribers should have Digital Signature.	
3	Fill the Information in Form:	Once all the above mentioned documents/ information	

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	 In case of companies incorporated, from the 26th day of January, 2018, wi capital of less than or equal to rupees in respect of companies not having a swhose number of members as starticles of association does not exceed on INC-32 (SPICe) shall not be applied Single Window Form: Earlier if a Person wants to incorporate Corit has to apply for the DIN, Approval or Avaibility, Separate form for first Director, office address, PAN, TAN etc. But this form window for Incorporation of Company. This form can be used for the following Application for Avaibility of Name No need to file separate form for first Director for first Director for first Directors of the separate form for first Directors of the separate form for first Director for first Directors of DIN (upto 3 Directors) 					
4	Preparation of MOA & AOA:	After proper filing of SPICE form applicant has to download the e-form INC-33 (MOA) and IN-34 (AOA) form the MCA site. After downloading of form fill all the information in the forms as per requirement of Table A to J of Schedule I. After completely filing of the form affix DSC of all the subscribers and professional on subscriber sheet of the MOA & AOA.				
5	Fill details of PAN & TAN:	It is mandatory to mention the details of PAN & TAN in the Incorporation Form INC-32. Link to find out of Area Code to file PAN & TAN are given in Help Kit of SPICE Form.				

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	Once all the 3 forms ready with the applicant, upload all three document as Linked form on MCA website and make the payment of the same.
Certificate of Incorporation:	Incorporation certificate shall be generating with CIN, PAN & TAN.

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Repeatedly Asked Questions			
No.	Question	Frequency	
1	What is 'illegal association'? 08 - Dec [8] (a),13 - June [6] (v)	2 Times	
2	Distinguish between 'Company' and 'corporation'. 10 - June [6] (i), 11 - June [3] (i)	2 Times	