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Sub. : Request for an article for Liberal Times

Dear Mr Raju,

Thank you for sending us an article on Public Services for our magazine Liberal Times. It was indeed a very well written article. We would be happy to send you a copy of it as soon as it gets printed.

May I again take this opportunity to request you to kindly spare some time to write one more article for our first issue of Liberal Times, 1999. The theme is 'Right to Information'.

We request you to contribute an article on this issue from liberals point of view. We would like to put this article as one of the cover story of our magazine. I am enclosing a copy of the guidelines we have drawn for the articles and the general guidelines for the author. We would expect an article of around 2500 to 3000 words.

I would be grateful if you could have the article sent to us by 1st February, 1999. If you have any photographs and illustrations which could be published with the article, kindly send those too.

Looking forward to receiving your consent for the article.

With warm regards,

Nupur

Nupur Hasija
Executive, Coordination



LIBERAL TIMES GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

**Liberal Times
Theme**

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Right to Information**

Guidelines for the Author

1. How is right to information defined?
 - In theory
 - What are the different kinds of information ? e.g. press information, information about laws, about rights with regards to government.
2. Is the right to information a constitutional or legal right in your country ? If so, how is it anchored in the constitutions or laws ?
 - Do they help to assist the spirit and principles of people ?
 - Do they respect the rights and ability of people ?
3. Is this right confined to theory or does it also exist in practice ?
 - If information is available, do the people know where to look and how to access it ?
 - Are there moves to strengthen right to information in your country ?
4. What are the limits in your country to the right to information ? Where does the right end and where does 'national security' begin ?
 - Censorship. to what extent is this prevalent in your country ? (includes all kinds of media / information - newspaper, radio and television, electronic)
 - Do the laws in any way curtail the essential needs of people
 - How does right to information fare as regards to democratic control and social, economic equity ?
5. If people are aware of their rights, do they know what they can do if these rights should be abused ? Where can people go to inform themselves ?
 - Are there any movements in your country that involve the active participation of citizens' groups to spread information ?
 - Movement to strengthen legal right to info ? What info should be disclosed by govt
6. Conclusions & recommendations

One line profile of the author giving the name, title, occupation / specialization.

Address, telephone, fax and e-mail numbers of the author

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- **Aims of the Journal**

The journal introduces liberal alternatives to the organization of political, economic and intellectual life into the public debate; alternatives based on the principles of freedom of the individual, self-reliance and autonomy, human rights and the rule of law.

- **Readership Profile**

Decision makers in politics, administration, business, industry, media, research institutions, NGOs in South Asian countries.

- **Technical Guidelines**

Double spacing

Lines per page : 30

A4 size paper (210 mm x 297 mm)

Abbreviations and acronyms, if not international, must be explained

Currencies in US \$

Measures in metric system

If charts, tables, quotations are used, sources must be indicated

British English (not American) is to be used, eg. labour (and not labor)

- **Style**

Intellectually stimulating

Sentences should not be very long. Short pithy sentences preferred.

Title of the article should be suggested

- **A brief introduction of the article in 7 - 8 lines**

Section headings and sub-headings

- **Good photographs / illustrations relevant to the article would be very much appreciated.**

- **One line profile of the author giving the name, title, occupation / specialisation.**

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