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# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

## Investment Company Act file number <u>811-08266</u>

The India Fund, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter) 345 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10154

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code) Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP

425 Lexington Avenue

New York, NY 10017

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 212-583-5344

Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2007

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2007

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## Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

#### The India Fund, Inc.

August 27, 2007

#### Dear Fund Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide you with the unaudited financial statements of The India Fund, Inc. (the Fund) for the six months ended June 30, 2007. The Fund s net asset value (NAV) closed at \$49.99 on June 30, 2007, representing an increase of 17.21% (after taking the Fund s dividend into account) from the NAV on December 31, 2006, which was \$42.65. The S&P/IFC Investable India Index\* gained 20.09%, driven by large-cap companies like Reliance Industries and Bharti Airtel, which were both up approximately 33% for the six months ended June 30, 2007.

Thus far, 2007 has been an exciting year for India-dedicated investors, with the country s share market indices hitting new highs. For the 12 months ended March 31, 2007, the economy expanded 9.2%, the highest growth rate ever recorded. Corporate earnings are on track to grow approximately 22%\*\* in the current fiscal year, and though the market s forward price-to-earnings ratio (PE ratio) remains above its historical average at 14.4x\*\*, Indian stocks continue to trade at a modest PEG multiple (i.e., PE ratio/earnings-per-share growth) of only 0.7x. Partly due to overheating worries as well as stubbornly high inflation, the Reserve Bank of India has raised interest rates by 125 basis points since the beginning of the year. Yet despite this monetary tightening, investor sentiment remains positive due to strong underlying fundamentals. In fact, foreign portfolio investment for the six months ended June 30, 2007 reached \$5.7 billion, which represents 70% of the amount received in all of 2006.

Looking ahead, we believe India s robust manufacturing and service sectors will continue to lead the country s growth, with both strong domestic-driven and export-driven demand helping to sustain momentum. The economy s recent performance has been particularly impressive considering that structural reforms have actually been slowing recently, with continued resistance from political parties to opening up key sectors to foreign investors. Also, domestic politics have resulted in the government selectively interfering in what normally should be market-driven pricing. We believe such policies are generally counter-productive and, if not curtailed, could ultimately jeopardize the economy s ability to sustain high single-digit growth rates.

We remain bullish on India s growth story, but with a full appreciation of the short-term challenges that lie ahead. We believe the Reserve Bank of India needs to be convinced that inflation is under control and that growth is well-balanced before it begins lowering interest rates. In addition, the 8% year-to-date appreciation of the Indian rupee versus the U.S. dollar appears to be making life more challenging for India s exporters, including the important information

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technology sector. We believe further currency appreciation could start having an unwelcome, negative impact on India s export growth. Finally, although India s economy is not as export-driven as other Asian economies, the country cannot be entirely shielded from the current volatility in global markets. Nevertheless, we continue to be optimistic regarding both India s medium-term and long-term growth prospects.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your participation and continued support of the Fund. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to visit our website at www.blackstone.com or call our toll-free number, 1-866-800-8933.

Sincerely,

Prakash Melwani Director and President

- \* Please note that the benchmark is an unmanaged index. Investors cannot directly invest in the index. The index does not reflect transaction costs or manager fees.
- \*\* Source: Factset, IFC Investable

**PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS.** There is no guarantee that the Fund s or any other investment technique will be effective under all market conditions.

#### **Fundamental Periodic Repurchase Policy**

The Fund has adopted the following fundamental policy regarding periodic repurchases:

- a) The Fund will make offers to repurchase its shares at semi-annual intervals pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended from time to time (Offers). The Board of Directors may place such conditions and limitations on Offers as may be permitted under Rule 23c-3.
- b) 14 days prior to the last Friday of the Fund s first and third fiscal quarters, or the next business day if such Friday is not a business day, will be the deadline (the Repurchase Request Deadline) by which the Fund must receive repurchase requests submitted by stockholders in response to the most recent Offer.
- c) The date on which the repurchase price for shares is to be determined (the Repurchase Pricing Date ) shall occur no later than the last Friday of the Fund s first and third fiscal quarters, or the next business day if such day is not a business day.
- d) Offers may be suspended or postponed under certain circumstances, as provided for in Rule 23c-3.

(For further details, see Note F to the Financial Statements.)

Schedule of Investments	June 30, 2007
	(Unaudited)

## COMMON STOCKS (96.55% of holdings)

COMMONSTOCKS	`	DEDCENT		
NUMBER OF SHARES		PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST	VALUE
244 707	India Apparel Manufacturers	96.51% 0.26%	007.400	<b>200.000</b>
211,705 154,919 350,000	Crew B.O.S. Products, Ltd. House of Pearl Fashion, Ltd.+ Provogue (India), Ltd.**		\$ 825,433 1,931,439 3,564,477	\$ 783,092 1,119,266 3,847,400
			6,321,349	5,749,758
227.500	Beverages Alcoholic	0.47%	<b>- 100</b> 60 <b>-</b>	10.000 (15
325,688	United Spirits, Ltd.		7,132,697	10,320,617
			7,132,697	10,320,617
1,151,250	<b>Beverages-Non Alcoholic</b> McLeod Russel India, Ltd.+	0.08%	3,183,309	1,735,603
			3,183,309	1,735,603
	<b>Building &amp; Construction</b>	1.69%		
133,762	B.L. Kashyap and Sons, Ltd.		3,084,879	5,545,733
	C&C Constructions, Ltd.+**		4,000,008	3,277,574
224,150	GMR Infrastructure, Ltd.+		2,088,345	4,116,182
803,992	IVRCL Infrastructures and Projects, I	⊥td.	3,601,586	7,080,025
770,063	KEC International, Ltd.		8,878,928	10,518,349
763,800	Madhucon Projects, Ltd.		5,199,722	3,981,456
601,900	Nagarjuna Construction Co., Ltd.		2,781,681	2,633,566
			29,635,149	37,152,885
	Capital Goods	0.05%		
39,000	Everest Kanto Cylinder, Ltd.	3332 72	1,046,187	1,043,383
			1,046,187	1,043,383
	Cement	1.83%		
258,748	ACC, Ltd.		4,056,121	5,932,573

658,389 389,494 1,000,000 120,650	Binani Industries, Ltd. Grasim Industries, Ltd. Sagar Cements, Ltd. (Preferential st UltraTech Cement, Ltd.	shares)**	3,327,401 16,336,415 4,291,361 2,657,051	3,369,742 25,227,812 3,036,278 2,666,283
			30,668,349	40,232,688
1,073,300	Chemicals United Phosphorus, Ltd.	0.37%	8,148,011	8,198,481
			8,148,011	8,198,481

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Schedule of Investments (continued)	June 30, 2007
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### **COMMON STOCKS (continued)**

COMMON STOCKS	(continued)	DED GENT		
NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST	VALUE
	India (continued) Computer Hardware HCL Infosystems, Ltd. Moser-Baer India, Ltd.	0.44%	\$ 3,779,961 4,051,229	\$ 4,291,682 5,432,280
			7,831,190	9,723,962
969,800	Computer Services NIIT Technologies, Ltd.	0.56%	3,727,623	12,292,904
			3,727,623	12,292,904
	Computer Software & Programming	12.25%		
3,194,477	Infosys Technologies, Ltd.		59,665,018	151,317,538
40,500	Infosys Technologies, Ltd., Sponsor	ed ADR	2,012,226	2,040,390
730,000	KPIT Cummins Infosystems, Ltd.		1,422,760	2,486,060
4,522,517	Satyam Computer Services, Ltd.		35,478,419	51,890,546
719,222	SSI, Ltd.+		1,696,904	2,845,808
915,858	Tanla Solutions, Ltd.		7,353,237	8,891,541
721,012	Tata Consultancy Services, Ltd.		20,055,938	20,345,541
2,327,500	Wipro, Ltd.		23,244,441	29,631,299
			150,928,943	269,448,723
	Consumer Non-Durables	2.67%		
6,215,899	Hindustan Unilever, Ltd.	_,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	29,074,050	28,822,602
	ITC, Ltd.		21,125,571	29,945,670
			50,199,621	58,768,272
	Diversified Financial Services	2.21%		
725,700	Indiabulls Financial Service, Ltd.		2,056,367	10,475,454
5,299,165	Infrastructure Development Finance	Co., Ltd.	8,886,145	17,109,820
3,944,532	Power Finance Corporation+		11,522,742	14,314,697
247,667	Reliance Capital, Ltd.		3,631,545	6,617,122

			26,096,799	48,517,093
	<b>Diversified Industries</b>	0.82%		
119,750	Aban Offshore, Ltd.		6,652,225	8,856,840
743,690	Elecon Engineering Co., Ltd.		4,532,215	9,100,855
69,339	NEPC India, Ltd. GDR+		3,467	13,868
			11,187,907	17,971,563
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Schedule of Investments (continued)	June 30, 2007
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### **COMMON STOCKS (continued)**

		PERCENT		
NUMBER		OF	~~~	
OF SHARES	SECURITY	HOLDINGS	COST	VALUE
	India (continued)			
	<b>Electronics &amp; Electrical</b>			
	Equipment	9.95%		
419,745	ABB, Ltd.		\$ 1,438,932	\$ 11,288,360
289,468	Bharat Electronics, Ltd.		8,993,058	13,005,537
2,693,824	Bharat Heavy Electricals, Ltd.		15,865,059	101,743,902
107,685	Easun Reyrolle Relays & Devices,	Ltd.	1,494,460	2,674,840
860,000	HBL Nife Power Systems, Ltd.		3,995,531	6,113,069
	Indo Tech Transformers, Ltd.		5,250,807	9,527,804
	Jyoti Structures, Ltd.		1,983,003	14,154,863
3,566,335	Kei Industries, Ltd. +		5,246,922	7,381,795
3,059,150	NTPC, Ltd.		11,494,201	11,443,411
1,154,981	Reliance Energy, Ltd.		14,342,361	17,415,108
518,984	e. ·		6,519,089	17,792,827
-	UTV Software Communications, L	td.	5,968,790	6,242,294
			82,592,213	218,783,810
	Engineering	2.06%		
756,804	Jaiprakash Associates, Ltd.		7,794,790	13,764,718
2,147,507	Thermax, Ltd.		3,395,021	26,693,890
1,812,400	Voltas, Ltd.		2,119,712	4,950,697
			13,309,523	45,409,305
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	Finance	13.76%		
507,600	Bank of Baroda		2,969,207	3,368,213
2,588,850	Bank of India		8,804,478	14,794,791
61,050	1		503,723	486,271
2,719,300	Dena Bank, Ltd.		3,068,362	3,118,073
1,064,163	HDFC Bank, Ltd.		13,905,893	29,894,025
1,679,648	Housing Development Finance Con	p., Ltd.	20,122,406	83,727,736
3,555,891	ICICI Bank, Ltd.		33,241,085	83,406,609
1,466,881	Indian Bank		3,048,706	4,590,362
59,300	Jammu and Kashmir Bank, Ltd.		1,019,038	981,866
313,150	Kotak Mahindra Bank, Ltd.		4,573,650	5,170,791

921,500	Oriental Bank of Commerce	4,122,303	5,105,554
884,631	Punjab National Bank, Ltd.	9,661,534	11,724,850
4,581,290	South Indian Bank, Ltd.	7,372,841	14,297,022
742,750	State Bank of India	3,596,997	27,816,993
45,550	State Bank of India GDR	525,435	4,016,599
183,600	UTI Bank, Ltd.	1,393,049	2,727,346
500,000	UTI Bank, Ltd. 144A GDR	2,955,000	7,375,000
		120,883,707	302,602,101

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Schedule of Investment	as (continued)				J	June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)																																														
COMMON STOCKS	(continued)	DED CENT																																																		
NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		COST		VALUE
331,766	India (continued) Financial Services Network 18 Fincap, Pvt, Ltd.+	0.19%	\$	772,928	\$	4,189,892																																														
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560,250	Food Lakshmi Energy & Foods, Ltd.	0.12%		905,948		2,657,671																																														
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3,365,130	Hotels & Leisure Indian Hotels Co., Ltd.	0.57%		9,783,243		12,443,400																																														
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115,305	Machinery Electric Utility EMCO, Ltd.	0.10%		2,041,910		2,264,907																																														
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2,353,275	Media Balaji Telefilms, Ltd. Deccan Chronicle Holdings, Ltd. Zee Telefilms, Ltd.	1.68%		3,607,811 10,590,322 11,665,564 <b>25,863,697</b>		3,678,658 13,636,312 19,584,469 <b>36,899,439</b>																																														
1,954,760 586,834 1,633,203	,	2.02%		7,455,533 8,912,149 14,418,399		10,847,112 10,125,777 23,462,945																																														
				30,786,081		44,435,834																																														
	Petroleum Related	13.34%																																																		

		118.457.177	293.348.323
5,177,093	Reliance Industries, Ltd.	68,360,905	216,134,337
3,094,287	Oil and Natural Gas Corp., Ltd.	42,622,677	68,541,172
531,739	Indian Oil Corp., Ltd.	4,127,282	5,786,428
345,700	Bharat Petroleum Corp., Ltd.	3,346,313	2,886,386

Schedule of Investments (continued)

of investments	(Commutation)			(Unaudited)
COMMON STOCKS (	continued)			
NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST	VALUE
	India (continued)			
	Pharmaceuticals	3.70%		
568,385	Aurobindo Pharma, Ltd.		\$ 7,783,868	\$ 11,290,943
851,481	Dishman Pharmaceuticals & Che	micals, Ltd.	4,039,845	6,406,884
1,274,136	Dr. Reddy s Laboratories, Ltd.		19,804,392	20,521,012
791,465	Lupin, Ltd.		9,118,527	14,235,779
801,400	Panacea Biotec, Ltd.		6,620,971	8,362,777
270,812	Sun Pharma Advanced Research	+	284,344	664,936
496,262	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, L	td.	9,297,359	12,454,224
785,250	Wockhardt, Ltd.		7,594,340	7,402,780
			64,543,646	81,339,335
	Publishing	0.05%		
600,000	Business India Publications		1,003,792	1,104,905
			1,003,792	1,104,905
	Real Estate Operation /			
<b>206 210</b>	Development	0.67%	10011011	40.06= 400
796,512	•		10,244,314	10,267,480
443,950	Indiabulls Real Estate, Ltd.+		1,520,647	4,535,697
			11,764,961	14,803,177
	Shipbuilding	0.53%		
978,500	Bharati Shipyard, Ltd.		3,611,068	11,743,682
			3,611,068	11,743,682
	Steel	5.57%		
966,114	Jindal Saw, Ltd.		7,579,958	16,309,660
482,637	Jindal Steel & Power, Ltd.		12,482,279	41,055,697
1,057,643	JSW Steel, Ltd.		6,589,263	15,878,603
243,972	Shree Precoated Steels, Ltd.+		1,495,323	1,972,622
4,799,625	Steel Authority of India, Ltd.		10,636,171	15,449,778

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		56,735,072	122,445,359
1,085,291	Tata Steel, Ltd.	12,639,775	15,913,959
3,492,667	Sujana Towers, Ltd.+	4,307,273	12,863,546
3,492,667	Sujana Metals Products, Ltd.+	1,005,030	3,001,494

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Schedule of Investments (continued)	June 30, 2007
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### **COMMON STOCKS (continued)**

NATION DEPO	(	PERCENT		
NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	OF HOLDINGS	COST	VALUE
	India (continued) Telecommunications	9.72%		
	Bharti Airtel, Ltd.+		\$ 48,898,380	\$ 133,726,548
	Idea Cellular, Ltd.+		6,453,878	8,768,129
	Reliance Communication, Ltd.+ - Shyam Telecom, Ltd.+		38,482,101 14	71,309,431
	Shyam Telelink, Ltd.+		0	0
			93,834,373	213,804,109
	Televisions	0.47%		
860,851	Dish TV India, Ltd.+	0.1.70	2,232,419	2,257,415
314,110	Television Eighteen India, Ltd.		1,636,309	6,926,578
981,236	Zee News, Ltd.+		549,452	1,105,855
			4,418,180	10,289,848
	Textiles	0.65%		
1,505,271	Bombay Rayon Fashions, Ltd.		7,143,343	9,175,214
	Eastern Silk Industries, Ltd.		1,436,579	1,666,601
1,437,232	S. Kumars Nationwide, Ltd. +		2,865,622	3,576,538
			11,445,544	14,418,353
	Transportation	0.65%		
252,921	Container Corp. of India, Ltd.		9,911,468	14,414,836
			9,911,468	14,414,836
	<b>Vehicle Components</b>	2.95%		
2,611,425	Amtek Auto, Ltd.		9,304,869	26,112,647
662,864	ANG Auto, Ltd.		4,156,122	4,391,967
291,670	Clutch Auto, Ltd. +		954,771	966,803
4,004,901	Cummins India, Ltd.		21,623,000	33,428,668
			36,038,762	64,900,085

	Vehicles	4.06%		
352,796	Bajaj Auto, Ltd.		17,387,614	18,440,851
1,586,834	Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.		16,662,564	28,163,844
398,903	Maruti Udyog, Ltd.		7,799,233	7,278,247
2,156,143	Tata Motors, Ltd.		31,046,883	35,457,045
			72,896,294	89,339,987
	Total India		1,107,706,721	2,122,794,290

Schedule of Investments (continued)						June 30, 2007 (Unaudited)	
COMMON STOCKS (continued)							
NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS		COST		VALUE	
9,000	Canada Petroleum Related Niko Resources, Ltd.	0.04% 0.04%	\$	667,683	\$	819,540	
	Total Canada			667,683		819,540	
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS			1,1	108,374,404		2,123,613,830	
WARRANTS (0.16% of holdings)							
2,354,880	<b>Beverages-Non Alcoholic</b> McLeod Russel Zero Point Warran	<b>0.16%</b> ts, 12/10/09		6,324,737		3,558,224	
	TOTAL WARRANTS			6,324,737		3,558,224	
SHORT-TERM INV	/ESTMENTS (2.51% of holdings)						
1,270,000	Banking Index Benchmark Exchange Traded						
26.011.110	Scheme Bank BeES			15,128,995		21,269,671	
26,911,119 18,648,019	Birla Cash Plus Inst+ DWS Insta Cash Plus Inst Growt	L.		7,593,758		8,036,696	
20,019,473		n+ per Institutional		5,107,964		5,494,979	
20,017,473	Growth+	ci mstitutionai		5,061,544		5,512,550	
19,550,516 345,801	50,516 Reliance Liquidity Fund Growth Option+			5,061,544		5,503,955	
,	Growth+			8,907,618		9,295,073	
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVEST	<b>FMENTS</b>		46,861,423		55,112,924	
BONDS (0.50% of h Par Value (000) INR 460,000	oldings) Finance ICICI Bank, Ltd., Bond Tier 1, 9.98 TOTAL BONDS	<b>0.50</b> % 8%, 09/13/45		9,944,639		11,095,795	