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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT  
INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-8266  
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India Fund, Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

200 Park Avenue  
New York, NY 10166  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Simpson Thacher Bartlett  
425 Lexington Avenue, 23rd Floor  
New York, NY 10017  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

registrant's telephone number, including area code: 212-667-4711  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31, 2003  
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Date of reporting period: June 30, 2003  
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Form N-CSR is to be used by management investment companies to file reports with the Commission not later than 10 days after the transmission to stockholders of any report that is required to be transmitted to stockholders under Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30e-1). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-CSR in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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ADVANTAGE ADVISERS, INC.

The India Fund, Inc.

Semi-Annual Report

June 30, 2003

THE INDIA FUND, INC.

THE INDIA FUND, INC.

August 1, 2003

DEAR FUND SHAREHOLDER,

We are pleased to present you with the unaudited financial statements of The India Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") for the six-month period ended June 30, 2003.

The Fund's net asset value (NAV) closed at \$14.21 on June 30, 2003, representing an increase of 11.71% during the six months ended on that date. The Fund outperformed its benchmark, the IFC Investable Index which gained 7.73% during the same period.

We believe that economically India will continue to thrive. We believe fiscal year 2004 gross domestic product will be driven by services and a rebound in agriculture aided by the strong start of the monsoon season. In our opinion, retail lending remains strong particularly in the housing sector and corporate lending has begun to show signs of revival especially in key sectors such as steel and textiles.

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 call our toll-free number, (800) 421-4777.

Sincerely,

/S/ BRYAN MCKIGNEY

Bryan McKigney  
Chairman and President

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### CHANGE IN INVESTMENT POLICY

On April 30, 2002, the Board of Directors of the Fund approved a change to the Fund's investment policies in connection with new Rule 35d-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Under normal conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in equity securities of Indian Companies (as defined in the Fund's prospectus.) Previously, the Fund's investment policies stated that the Fund would invest at least 65% of the value of its assets in such securities. The Board also adopted a policy to provide the stockholders of the Fund with 60 days' notice of any change to the investment policy adopted if such notice is required by Rule 35d-1.

### 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.

### SHARE REPURCHASE PROGRAM

The Board of Directors of the Fund previously had authorized the Fund to repurchase from time to time in the open market up to 4,000,000 shares of the Fund's common stock at such times and in such amounts as management believed will enhance shareholders value, subject to review by the Fund's Board of Directors. During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Fund repurchased a total of 89,000 shares of its common stock. This repurchase program has been suspended by the Board of Directors since the Fund's stockholders approved an interval fund structure at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 23, 2003. (For details regarding shares repurchased by the Fund, see Note E to the Financial Statements.)

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JUNE 30, 2003  
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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INDIA (100% OF HOLDINGS)

COMMON STOCKS (97.41% of holdings)

NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	CEMENT	1.31%	
1,396,443	Associated Cement Companies Ltd .....		\$ 4,033,732
700	Gujarat Ambuja Cements Ltd .....		2,705
47,840	Panyam Cements and Mineral Industries Ltd*+ .....		481,083
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			4,517,520
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	COMPUTER HARDWARE	0.36%	
100	Digital Globalsoft Ltd .....		1,088
198,403	Moser-Baer India Ltd .....		1,186,267
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			1,187,355
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	COMPUTER SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING	10.30%	
60,000	Geodesic Information Systems+ .....		185,279
400,508	Infosys Technologies Ltd .....		5,090,019
66,407	Mphasis BFL Ltd .....		791,436
1,695,729	Satyam Computer Services Ltd .....		1,896,015
1,300	Silverline Technologies Ltd+ .....		4,371
176,050	Wipro Ltd .....		5,214,461
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			13,181,581
			-----
	COMPUTER TRAINING	0.46%	
583,340	NIIT Ltd .....		4,032,011
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			4,032,011
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	CONSUMER MISCELLANEOUS	1.22%	
2,495,146	Zee Telefilms Ltd .....		12,603,643
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			12,603,643
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	CONSUMER NON-DURABLES	12.02%	
179,567	Godfrey Phillips India Ltd .....		3,109,433
358,000	Godrej Consumer Products Ltd .....		754,184
6,998,151	Hindustan Lever Ltd .....		26,401,160
1,047,051	ITC Ltd .....		18,095,844
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			48,360,621
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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COMMON STOCKS (continued)

NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIES	4.16%	
819,300	Grasim Industries Ltd .....		\$ 6,336,877
79,203	Gujarat Gas Company Ltd .....		917,786
149,000	Hinduja TMT Ltd .....		983,998
1,744	Indian Rayon and Industries Ltd .....		6,451
1,073,931	Larsen & Toubro Ltd .....		6,228,686
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			14,473,798
			-----
	ELECTRICITY	0.00%	
4	CESC Ltd+ .....		29
150	Tata Power Company Ltd+ .....		357
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			386
			-----
	ELECTRONICS & ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT	4.01%	
723	Alstom Projects India Ltd+ .....		1,213
95,600	Bharat Electronics Ltd .....		361,955
2,416,918	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd .....		8,603,860
270,200	Exide Industries Ltd .....		774,715
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			9,741,743
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	ENGINEERING	2.02%	
495,426	ABB Ltd .....		5,551,958
103,423	Flat Products Equipments .....		184,755
340,999	Praj Industries Ltd+ .....		553,091
546,200	Thermax India Ltd .....		1,615,874
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			7,905,678
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	EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES	3.57%	
358,905	Hindalco Industries Ltd .....		5,255,409
1,244,378	National Aluminium Company Ltd .....		1,750,176
485,998	Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd .....		3,768,987
600	Sesa Goa Ltd+ .....		4,568
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			10,779,140
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COMMON STOCKS (continued)

NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	FERTILIZERS	0.23%	
331,560	Indo Gulf Fertilisers Ltd .....		\$ 224,574
700	Nagarjuna Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd+ .....		764
500,000	Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Ltd .....		421,508
50	Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Ltd+ ..		43
			-----
			646,889
			-----
	FINANCE	17.31%	
2,808,150	Andhra Bank Ltd .....		1,740,514
328,200	Bank of Baroda .....		751,856
991,100	Canara Bank Ltd+ .....		1,594,174
561,325	Corporation Bank .....		1,602,153
1,806,120	HDFC Bank Ltd .....		8,494,575
26,100	HDFC Bank Ltd ADR .....		367,443
1,408,110	Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd .....		9,900,122
3,989,504	ICICI Bank Ltd+ .....		10,730,313
1,407,600	Industrial Development Bank of India Ltd+ .....		981,171
284,150	ING Vysya Bank Ltd .....		1,529,795
474,150	Oriental Bank of Commerce .....		1,245,184
400,800	Punjab National Bank Ltd+ .....		911,870
1,866,533	State Bank of India .....		8,053,371
98,000	State Bank of India GDR .....		1,117,250
1,736,500	Union Bank of India Ltd .....		1,055,822
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			50,075,613
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	FOOD	0.00%	
50	Tata Tea Ltd+ .....		179
276	United Breweries Holdings Ltd+ .....		1,110
184	United Breweries Ltd+ .....		1,118
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			2,407
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	HOTELS & LEISURE	0.00%	
21	Indian Hotels Company Ltd+ .....		343
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			343
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COMMON STOCKS (continued)

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NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES	0.00%	
400	Phil Corporation Ltd+ .....		\$ 1,093
200	Samtel Color Ltd .....		395
450	Videocon Appliances Ltd .....		2,629
194	Videocon International Ltd .....		174
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			4,291
			-----
	MEDIA	0.68%	
671,200	Balaji Telefilms Ltd .....		1,338,083
450,192	ETC Networks Ltd+ .....		459,084
737,500	Pritish Nandy Communications Ltd .....		2,247,266
393,259	Sri Adhikari Brothers Television Network Ltd .....		1,263,903
250,000	Vans Information Ltd+ .....		573,394
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			5,881,730
			-----
	PETROLEUM RELATED	18.64%	
830,653	Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd .....		4,313,287
2,700	Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd .....		3,200
1,860,228	Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd .....		9,408,870
830,760	Indian Oil Corporation Ltd .....		4,418,102
300	Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd .....		637
80,800	Niko Resources Ltd ADR .....		1,314,053
6,320,587	Reliance Industries Ltd .....		31,710,406
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			51,168,555
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	PHARMACEUTICALS	9.45%	
610,458	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd .....		4,573,437
7,000	Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd ADR .....		150,918
106,805	Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals Ltd .....		673,608
100	IPCA Laboratories Ltd .....		309
38,600	Matrix Laboratories Ltd .....		363,701
219	Nicholas Piramal Ltd .....		2,327
100	Orchid Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd .....		339
1,126,155	Ranbaxy Laboratories Ltd .....		8,496,789
229,600	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd .....		457,240
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			14,718,668
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COMMON STOCKS (continued)

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NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	RETAIL STORES	0.66%	
607,910	Pantaloon Retail India Ltd+ .....		\$ 596,146
940,160	SB&T International Ltd .....		651,619
180,315	Trent Ltd+ .....		602,853
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			1,850,618
			-----
	STEEL	1.65%	
470,450	Jindal Iron & Steel Company Ltd .....		829,568
1,408,766	Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd .....		4,130,398
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			4,959,966
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1.56%	
2,474,937	Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd .....		7,843,826
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			7,843,826
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT	0.33%	
100	Himachal Futuristic Communications Ltd+ .....		168
1,267,600	Shyam Telecom Ltd+ .....		8,621,487
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			8,621,655
			-----
	TEXTILES - COTTON	0.00%	
36	Arvind Mills Ltd+ .....		133
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			133
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	TRANSPORTATION	1.52%	
793,451	Container Corporation of India Ltd .....		4,187,519
100	South East Asia Marine Engineering and Construction Ltd+ .....		308
			-----
			4,187,827
			-----
	VEHICLE COMPONENTS	0.76%	
245,759	Apollo Tyres Ltd .....		709,232
125	FAG Bearings (India) Ltd .....		334
231,200	Maruti Udyog Ltd*+ .....		622,845
510,600	SKF Bearings India Limited .....		841,477
118,000	Swaraj Engines Ltd .....		1,298,970
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			3,472,858
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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### COMMON STOCKS (concluded)

NUMBER OF SHARES	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	VEHICLES	5.19%	
1,468,090	Ashok Leyland Ltd .....		\$ 3,332,376
337,651	Bajaj Auto Ltd .....		3,107,169
780,737	Hero Honda Motors Ltd .....		2,771,322
1,766,458	Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Ltd .....		4,179,763
41,527	Tata Engineering and Locomotive Company Ltd - Warrants Expire 9/30/04+ .....		0
			----- 13,390,630 -----
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .....		293,609,485 -----

### PREFERRED STOCK (0.00% of holdings)

	PHARMACEUTICALS	0.00%	
800	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd Preference Shares+ .....		23
			----- 23 -----
	TOTAL PREFERRED STOCK .....		23 -----

### SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (2.59% of holdings)

10,907,629	HDFC Liquid Fund+ .....	2,838,104
11,408,196	Prudential ICICI Liquid Plan+ .....	3,628,304
14,117,519	Standard Chartered Grindlays Cash Fund+ .....	3,432,127
		----- 9,898,535 -----
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS .....	9,898,535 -----

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### SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONCLUDED)

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### BONDS (0.00% of holdings)

PAR VALUE (000)	SECURITY	PERCENT OF HOLDINGS	COST
	CONSUMER NON-DURABLES	0.00%	
INR 41,989	Hindustan Lever Ltd 9% NCD 9.00%* .....		\$ 0

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TOTAL BONDS .....	0
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TOTAL INDIA .....	303,508,043
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS** .....100.00%	\$303,508,043
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES JUNE 30, 2003  
(UNAUDITED)

ASSETS	
Investments, at value (Cost \$303,508,043) .....	\$386,857,240
Cash (including Indian Rupees of \$2,767,662 with a cost of \$2,766,021) ..	3,272,034
Receivables:	
Dividends and reclaims net of excess taxes withheld .....	3,350,257
Interest .....	236
Securities sold .....	1,251,489
Prepaid expenses .....	87,528
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TOTAL ASSETS .....	394,818,784
	-----
LIABILITIES	
Payable for securities purchased .....	2,308,116
Due to Investment Manager .....	330,891
Due to Administrator .....	67,969
Accrued expenses .....	397,500
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TOTAL LIABILITIES .....	3,104,476
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NET ASSETS .....	\$391,714,308
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NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE (\$391,714,308/27,570,900	
SHARES ISSUED AND OUTSTANDING) .....	\$ 14.21
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NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

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Capital stock, \$0.001 par value; 34,007,133 shares issued (100,000,000 shares authorized) .....	\$ 34,007
Paid-in capital .....	460,635,809
Cost of 6,436,233 shares repurchased .....	(75,711,026)
Undistributed net investment income .....	25,061
Accumulated net realized loss on investments .....	(76,544,888)
Net unrealized appreciation in value of investments, foreign currency holdings and on translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency .....	83,275,345
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NET ASSETS .....	\$391,714,308
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

INVESTMENT INCOME

Dividends (net of Indian taxes withheld of \$80,457) .....	\$ 3
Interest (net of Indian taxes withheld of \$131) .....	---
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TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME .....	3
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EXPENSES

Management fees .....	\$1,852,824
Custodian fees .....	359,663
Administration fees .....	352,934
Legal fees .....	136,441
Audit fees .....	117,943
Insurance .....	91,405
Transfer agent fees .....	49,235
Printing .....	36,828
Directors' fees .....	28,253
NYSE fees .....	15,620
ICI fees .....	6,116
Miscellaneous expenses .....	28,056
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TOTAL EXPENSES .....

NET INVESTMENT INCOME .....

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN ON INVESTMENTS, FOREIGN CURRENCY HOLDINGS AND  
TRANSLATION OF OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCY:

Net realized gain on:	
Security transactions .....	7
Foreign currency related transactions .....	---

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Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, foreign currency holdings and translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency .....	33
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments, foreign currency holdings and translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency .....	40
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	\$40

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 (UNAUDITED)
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INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS		
OPERATIONS		
Net investment income .....	\$ 303,015	\$
Net realized gain (loss) on investments and foreign currency related transactions .....	7,480,935	(1)
Net change in unrealized appreciation in value of investments, foreign currency holdings and translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency .....	33,162,564	3
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations .....	40,946,514	2
DISTRIBUTION TO SHAREHOLDERS		
Net investment income (\$0.085 per share at December 31, 2002) .....	--	(
Decrease in net assets resulting from distributions .....	--	(
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
Shares repurchased under Stock Repurchase Plan (89,000 shares at December 31, 2002) .....	--	--
Shares repurchased under Tender Offer (3,063,433 shares at December 31, 2002), including expenses of \$70,586 and \$97,512 respectively .....	(70,586)	(3
Net decrease in net assets resulting from capital share transactions ..	(70,586)	(3

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Total increase (decrease) in net assets .....	40,875,928	(1
NET ASSETS		
Beginning of period .....	350,838,380	36
End of period (Including undistributed net investment income of \$25,061 at June 30, 2003) .....	\$391,714,308	\$35

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD

	FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2003 (UNAUDITED)	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2002	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2001	FOR THE YEAR ENDED DEC. 31, 2000
PER SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE				
Net asset value, beginning of period .....	\$ 12.72	\$ 11.93	\$ 16.18	\$ 23.21
Net investment income (loss) .....	0.01	0.09	0.07	(0.16)
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments, foreign currency holdings, and translation of other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency .....	1.48	0.76	(4.29)	(7.27)
Net increase (decrease) from investment operations .....	1.49	0.85	(4.22)	(7.43)
Less: Dividends and Distributions				
Dividends from net investment income .....	--	(0.09)	(0.07)	--
Total dividends and distributions .....	--	(0.09)	(0.07)	--
Capital share transactions				
Anti-dilutive effect of Share Repurchase Program .....	--	0.01	0.04	0.40
Anti-dilutive effect of Tender Offer ..	--	0.02	--	--
Total capital share transactions .....	--	0.03	0.04	0.40
Net asset value, end of period .....	\$ 14.21	\$ 12.72	\$ 11.93	\$ 16.18

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Per share market value, end of period .....	\$12.2500	\$10.5900	\$ 9.5000	\$12.0625
TOTAL INVESTMENT RETURN BASED				
ON MARKET VALUE* .....	15.68%	12.36%	(20.69)%	(27.99)
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA				
Net assets, end of period (in 000s) ...	\$391,714	\$350,838	\$366,491	\$504,769
Ratios of expenses to average net assets .....	1.82%+	1.73%	1.70%	1.59%
Ratios of net investment income (loss) to average net assets .....	0.18%+	0.65%	0.57%	(0.75)
Portfolio turnover .....	13.95%	39.36%	16.06%	19.24%

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONCLUDED)

FOR A SHARE OUTSTANDING THROUGHOUT EACH PERIOD

\* Total investment return is calculated assuming a purchase of common stock at the current market price on the first day and a sale at the current market price on the last day of each period reported. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed, for purposes of this calculation, to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions or sales charges and is not annualized.

+ Annualized.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

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(UNAUDITED)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE A: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The India Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") was incorporated in Maryland on December 27, 1993, and commenced operations on February 23, 1994. The Fund operates through a branch in the Republic of Mauritius. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end, non-diversified management investment company.

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PORTFOLIO VALUATION. Investments are stated at value in the accompanying financial statements. All securities for which market quotations are readily available are valued at:

- (i) the last sales price prior to the time of determination, if there was a sale on the date of determination,
- (ii) at the mean between the last current bid and asked prices, if there was no sales price on such date and bid and asked quotations are available, and
- (iii) at the bid price if there was no sales price on such date and only bid quotations are available.

Securities that are traded over-the-counter are valued, if bid and asked quotations are available, at the mean between the current bid and asked prices. Securities for which sales prices and bid and asked quotations are not available on the date of determination may be valued at the most recently available prices or quotations under policies adopted by the Board of Directors. Investments in short-term debt securities having a maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost which approximates market value. Securities for which market values are not readily ascertainable, which totaled \$658,804 (0.17% of net assets) at June 30, 2003, are carried at fair value as determined in good faith by or under the supervision of the Board of Directors. The net asset value per share of the Fund is calculated weekly and at the end of each month.

INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS AND INVESTMENT INCOME. Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. The cost of investments sold is determined by use of the specific identification method for both financial reporting and income tax reporting purposes. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis; dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or, using reasonable diligence, when known. The collectibility of income receivable from Indian securities is evaluated periodically, and any resulting allowances for uncollectible amounts are reflected currently in the determination of investment income.

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TAX STATUS. No provision is made for U.S. Federal income or excise taxes as it is the Fund's intention to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company and to make the requisite distributions to its shareholders that will be sufficient to relieve it from all or substantially all Federal income and excise taxes.

Income and capital gain distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from GAAP.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2002:

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Ordinary income ..... \$ 2,  
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At December 31, 2002, the components of net assets (excluding paid in capital) on a tax basis were as follows:

Currently Distributable Ordinary Income .....	\$	0	
Plus/Less: Cumulative Timing Differences .....		(277,954)	
		-----	
Accumulated net investment loss .....	\$	(	
		-----	
Tax basis capital loss carryover .....	\$	(76,658,179)	
Plus/Less: Cumulative Timing Differences .....		(3,018,507)	
		-----	
Accumulated capital loss .....		(79,	
		-----	
Book unrealized foreign exchange loss .....		(	
		-----	
Book unrealized appreciation .....	\$	50,226,089	
Plus/Less: Cumulative Timing Differences .....		(4,349,137)	
		-----	
Unrealized appreciation .....		45,	
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Net assets (excluding paid in capital) .....	\$	(34,	
		=====	

The differences between book and tax basis unrealized appreciation is primarily attributable to wash sales and a dividend overdistribution. The cumulative timing difference for the capital loss carryover is due to Post October Losses.

Net Asset Value .....	\$	350,
Paid in Capital .....		(385,
		-----
Net assets (excluding paid in capital) .....	\$	(34,
		=====

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At December 31, 2002, the Fund had a capital loss carryover of \$76,658,179 which is available to offset future net realized gains on securities transactions to the extent provided for in the Internal Revenue Code. Of the aggregate capital losses, \$9,970,780 will expire in 2005, \$34,828,858 will expire in 2006, \$20,935,877 will expire in 2009 and \$10,922,664 will expire in 2010.



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The Fund's realized capital losses incurred after October 31, 2002, but before December 31, 2002, are deemed to arise on the first business day of the following year. The Fund incurred and elected to defer such realized capital losses of \$3,018,507.

FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSLATION. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency amounts are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis:

- (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the prevailing rates of exchange on the valuation date; and
- (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities and investment income at the relevant rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

The Fund generally does not isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates from the effect of fluctuations in the market prices of securities. However, the Fund does isolate the effect of fluctuations in foreign currency rates when determining the gain or loss upon the sale of foreign currency denominated debt obligations pursuant to U.S. Federal income tax regulations; such amounts are categorized as foreign currency gains or losses for federal income tax purposes. The Fund reports certain realized foreign exchange gains and losses as components of realized gains and losses for financial reporting purposes, whereas such amounts are treated as ordinary income for Federal income tax reporting purposes.

Securities denominated in currencies other than U.S. dollars are subject to changes in value due to fluctuations in foreign exchange. Foreign security and currency transactions may involve certain considerations and risks not typically associated with those of domestic origin as a result of, among other factors, the level of governmental supervision and regulation of foreign securities markets and the possibility of political or economic instability, and the fact that foreign securities markets may be smaller and have less developed and less reliable settlement and share registration procedures.

DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND GAINS. The Fund intends to distribute annually to shareholders, substantially all of its net investment income, including foreign currency gains, and to distribute annually any net realized gains after the utilization of available capital loss carryovers. An additional distribution may be made to the extent necessary to avoid payment of a 4% Federal excise tax.

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Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount of dividends and distributions from net investment income and net realized gains are determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations, which may differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These "book/tax" differences are either considered temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts based on their Federal tax-basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Dividends and distributions which exceed net investment income and net realized

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capital gains for financial reporting purposes but not for tax purposes are reported as dividends in excess of net investment income and net realized capital gains. To the extent they exceed net investment income and net realized gains for tax purposes, they are reported as distributions of additional paid-in capital.

During the period ended December 31, 2002, the Fund reclassified \$137,200 from accumulated net realized loss on investments to overdistribution of net investment income as a result of permanent book and tax differences relating primarily to realized foreign currency losses. Net investment income and net assets were not affected by the reclassifications.

### NOTE B: MANAGEMENT, INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Advantage Advisers, Inc. ("Advantage"), a subsidiary of Oppenheimer Asset Management Inc. and an affiliate of Fahnestock & Co. Inc. ("Fahnestock"), serves as the Fund's Investment Manager (the "Investment Manager") under the terms of a management agreement dated June 5, 2003 (the "Management Agreement"). Imperial Investment Advisors Private Limited ("Imperial"), an Indian company and subsidiary of Fahnestock and Advantage India, Inc., serves as the Fund's Country Adviser (the "Country Adviser") under the terms of an advisory agreement dated June 5, 2003 (the "Country Advisory Agreement"). From August 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002, Advantage India, Inc. served as the Fund's Country Adviser under similar terms. Pursuant to the Management Agreement, the Investment Manager supervises the Fund's investment program and is responsible on a day-to-day basis for investing the Fund's portfolio in accordance with its investment objective and policies. Pursuant to the Country Advisory Agreement, the Country Adviser provides statistical and factual information and research regarding economic, political factors and investment opportunities in India to the Investment Manager. For their services, the Investment Manager receives monthly fees at an annual rate of 1.10% of the Fund's average weekly net assets and the Country Adviser receives from the Investment Manager a fee to be agreed upon by the Investment Manager and the Country Adviser from time to time. For the six months ended June 30, 2003, fees earned by the Investment Manager amounted to \$1,852,824.

Fahnestock, a registered investment advisor and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Fahnestock Viner Holdings Inc. ("FVH"), serves as the Fund's Administrator (the "Administrator") pursuant to an administration agreement dated June 5, 2003. The Administrator provides certain administrative services to the Fund. For its services, the Administrator receives a monthly fee at an annual rate of 0.20% of the Fund's average weekly net assets. For the six months ended June 30, 2003, administration

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fees amounted to \$336,877 (Prior to June 5, 2003, administration fees were paid to CIBC World Markets Corp.). The Administrator subcontracts certain of these services to PFPC, Inc. In addition, Multiconsult Ltd. (the "Mauritius Administrator") provides certain administrative services relating to the operation and maintenance of the Fund in Mauritius. The Mauritius Administrator receives a monthly fee of \$1,500 and is reimbursed for certain additional expenses. For the six months ended June 30, 2003, fees and expenses of the Mauritius Administrator amounted to \$16,057.

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On December 10, 2002, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, CIBC World Markets Corp. ("CIBC WM"), Fahnestock and FVH announced that Fahnestock had agreed to acquire the U.S. brokerage and asset management businesses of CIBC WM. The acquisition of the U.S. brokerage business closed on January 3, 2003. As required under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), the Fund's then existing Management Agreement and Country Advisory Agreement provided for their automatic termination in the event of their "assignment" as defined in the 1940 Act. Consummation of the acquisition by Fahnestock and FVH of the asset management business of CIBC WM constituted an assignment of the Fund's then existing Management Agreement and Country Advisory Agreement. At a meeting on January 17, 2003, the Board of Directors of the Fund, including a majority of the independent Directors, approved a new investment management agreement between the Fund and Advantage and a new Country Advisory Agreement between Advantage and Imperial. As required by the 1940 Act, stockholders of the Fund approved the new investment management agreement and the new country advisory agreement at the Fund's 2003 annual meeting of stockholders. Fahnestock completed its acquisition of the asset management business on June 4, 2003. Fahnestock replaced CIBC WM as the Fund's administrator and FVH acquired ultimate control of Advantage and Imperial.

The Fund pays each of its directors who is not a director, officer or employee of the Investment Manager, the Country Adviser or the Administrator or any affiliate thereof an annual fee of \$5,000 plus up to \$700 for each Board of Directors meeting attended. In addition, the Fund reimburses all directors for travel and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with Board of Directors meetings.

### NOTE C: PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short-term obligations, aggregated \$47,098,643 and \$56,976,562 respectively, for the six months ended June 30, 2003.

### NOTE D: FOREIGN INCOME TAX

The Fund conducts its investment activities in India as a tax resident of Mauritius and expects to obtain benefits under the double taxation treaty between Mauritius and India (the "tax treaty" or "treaty"). To obtain benefits under the double taxation treaty, the Fund must meet certain tests and conditions, including the establishment of Mauritius tax residence and related requirements. The Fund has obtained

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a certificate from the Mauritian authorities that it is a resident of Mauritius under the double taxation treaty between Mauritius and India. Under current regulations, a fund which is a tax resident in Mauritius under the treaty, but has no branch or permanent establishment in India, will not be subject to capital gains tax in India on the sale of securities but is subject to a 15% withholding tax on dividends declared, distributed or paid by an Indian company prior to June 1, 1997 and after March 31, 2002. During the period June 1, 1997 through March 31, 2002, dividend income from domestic companies was exempt from Indian income tax. Effective April 1, 2003, dividend income from domestic

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companies is exempt from Indian tax. The Fund is subject to and accrues Indian withholding tax on interest earned on Indian securities at the rate of 20.5% effective April 1, 2003, 21% between April 1, 2002 and April 1, 2003, and 20% prior to April 1, 2002.

The Fund will, in any year that it has taxable income for Mauritius tax purposes, elect to pay tax on its net income for Mauritius tax purposes at any rate between 0% and 35%.

In March 2000, the Indian tax authorities issued an assessment order ("March 2000 Assessment Order") with respect to the Fund's Indian income tax return filed for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997 which denied the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius. In the March 2000 Assessment Order, the Indian tax authorities held that the Fund is not a resident of Mauritius and assessed tax on the dividend income for the year ended March 31, 1997 at the rate of 20%, instead of the 15% rate claimed by the Fund under the tax treaty between India and Mauritius. Similar assessment orders were issued to several other mutual fund companies relying on the tax treaty between India and Mauritius. On April 13, 2000, the Central Board of Direct Taxes ("CBDT") of the Ministry of Finance in India issued a circular ("Circular 789") "clarifying" its position on Indian taxation under the tax treaty between India and Mauritius that, wherever a certificate of residence is issued by the Mauritian authorities, such certificate will constitute sufficient evidence for accepting the status of residence as well as beneficial ownership for applying the tax treaty between India and Mauritius. The Fund, relying on Circular 789 and in absence of a rectification order from the assessing officer, filed an appeal against the March 2000 Assessment Order with the Indian tax authorities. Hearings on the appeal were scheduled in which the Fund made submissions to the Indian tax authorities, however, the hearings were adjourned by Indian tax authorities, each time without a decision.

Previously, however, an Indian public interest group had initiated litigation in the Indian courts challenging Circular 789. In connection with this litigation, the Delhi High Court, in May 2002, passed an order invalidating Circular 789. The history of past assessments by the Indian tax authorities (prior to issuance of Circular 789) and the arguments made in the recent Delhi High Court ruling suggest that the Indian tax authorities may adopt an aggressive position and investigate the taxability of Mauritius based funds, i.e., the Indian tax authorities may look beyond the tax residency certificate issued by Mauritius tax authorities to Mauritius based funds. The Indian tax authorities may also seek to reopen previously completed assessments of the Fund's Indian income tax returns and deny

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the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius to the Fund. During the period the public interest litigation was pending with the high courts in India, the Indian tax authorities were generally allowing the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius to Mauritius based funds relying on Circular 789, however, the assessment orders issued were conditional upon the outcome of the public interest litigation.

The Government of India had filed a Special Leave Petition against the Delhi High Court Order. Newspaper reports indicate that the matter has come up for

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hearing and the Supreme Court has reserved its judgement in this matter.

To the extent that it is later determined that the Fund would be unable to obtain the benefits of the treaty, the Fund would be subject to tax on capital gains in India on the prior sale of securities, which are currently at the rates of 10.25% on long-term capital gains and 30.75% on short-term capital gains (10.5% and 31.5%, respectively, between April 1, 2002 and April 1, 2003 and 10% and 30%, respectively, prior to April 1, 2002). Further, the Fund, if the treaty benefits are denied, would be subject to tax on dividend income earned by the Fund prior to June 1, 1997 at 20% and subsequent to March 31, 2002 at 21%. As already stated above, from April 1, 2003 dividend income is exempt from tax.

In addition, for the fiscal years for which the assessment of the Fund's Indian tax returns has been completed, the Indian tax authorities have denied the carryforward of realized capital losses incurred by the Fund in such fiscal years on the grounds that the Fund was not subject to taxes on realized capital gains in India due to the application of the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius to the Fund. Therefore, the Fund may not, in a year in which it has net realized capital gains and the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius are denied by the Indian tax authorities, be able to offset capital losses realized in previous years.

The Fund continues to: (i) comply with the requirements of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius; (ii) be a tax resident of Mauritius; and (iii) maintain that its central management and control resides in Mauritius and therefore management believes that the Fund will be able to obtain the benefits of the tax treaty between India and Mauritius. Accordingly, no provision for Indian income taxes has been made in accompanying financial statements of the Fund.

The foregoing is based upon current interpretation and practice and is subject to future changes in Indian or Mauritian tax laws and in the treaty between India and Mauritius.

Although management of the Fund expects to obtain the benefits of the tax treaty, if the Fund were denied such benefits retrospectively, the Fund could be subject to cumulative income taxes, interest and penalties. Management estimates that the amount of taxes and interest, based on realized gains

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through June 30, 2003 and unrealized gains as of June 30, 2003 could be in the range of \$23.0 million to \$43.8 million (6% to 11% of the Fund's net assets at June 30, 2003). This range does not include penalties which could be assessed as such penalties are not determinable. The aforementioned range is estimated utilizing various assumptions as to how the Indian tax authorities might interpret the calculation of Indian income taxes if the tax treaty benefits were denied. Actual amounts, if incurred, could differ significantly from the aforementioned estimate.

### NOTE E: CAPITAL STOCK

During the year ended December 31, 2002, the Fund purchased 89,000 shares of capital stock on the open market at a total cost of \$920,118. The weighted

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average discount of these purchases, comparing the purchase price to the net asset value at the time of purchase, was 17.29%. These shares were purchased pursuant to the Fund's Stock Repurchase Plan previously approved by the Fund's Board of Directors authorizing the Fund to purchase up to 4,000,000 shares of its capital stock on the open market.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held on January 29, 2002, the Board of Directors approved a tender offer. Pursuant to the tender offer, the Fund offered to purchase up to 10% of the Fund's outstanding shares of common stock for cash at a price equal to 95% of the Fund's net asset value per share as of the closing date. The tender offer commenced on August 30, 2002 and expired on September 27, 2002. In connection with the tender offer, the Fund purchased 3,063,433 shares of capital stock at a total cost of \$33,375,712, including expenses of \$168,098.

In February 2003, the Board of Directors approved, subject to stockholder approval, a fundamental policy whereby the Fund would adopt an "interval fund" structure pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Stockholders of the Fund were to approve the policy at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on April 23, 2003, however the proposal was adjourned and later approved on April 30, 2003. As an interval fund, the Fund will make semi annual repurchase offers at net asset value (less a 2% repurchase fee) to all Fund stockholders. The percentage of outstanding shares that the Fund can repurchase in each offer will be established by the Fund's Board of Directors shortly before the commencement of each quarterly offer, and will be between 5% and 25% of the Fund's then outstanding shares.

### NOTE F: CONCENTRATION OF RISKS

At June 30, 2003, substantially all of the Fund's net assets were invested in Indian securities. The Indian securities markets are among other things substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid, subject to less regulation and more volatile than the securities markets in the United States. Consequently, and as further discussed above, acquisitions and dispositions of securities by the Fund involve special risks and considerations not present with respect to U.S. securities. At June 30, 2003, the Fund has a concentration of its investment in computer and technology-related industries. The values of such investments may be affected by changes in such industry sectors.

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### RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

The Fund held its Annual Meeting of Stockholders on April 23, 2003. At the meeting, stockholders elected each of the nominees proposed for election to the Fund's Board of Directors. Stockholders also voted on an approval of a new management agreement between Advantage Advisers, Inc. and the Fund (Proposal 2), an approval of a new country advisory agreement between Advantage Advisers, Inc. and Imperial Investment Advisors Private Limited (Proposal 3), and an approval of a fundamental policy whereby the Fund would adopt an interval fund structure (Proposal 4). Proposal 4 was adjourned to April 30, 2003. The following tables provide information concerning the matters voted on at the meeting:

#### I. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

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NOMINEE -----	VOTES FOR -----	VOTES WITHHELD -----	NON-VOTING SHARES -----	TOTAL VOTING SHARE -----
Charles F. Barber*	17,261,204	2,080,465	8,229,231	27,570,900
J. Marc Hardy	17,334,282	2,007,387	8,229,231	27,570,900
Jeswald W. Salacuse	17,261,554	2,080,115	8,229,231	27,570,900
Howard M. Singer*	17,338,200	2,003,469	8,229,231	27,570,900

At June 30, 2003, in addition to J. Marc Hardy and Jeswald W. Salacuse, the other directors of the Fund were as follows:

Leslie H. Gelb  
 Bryan McKigney  
 Luis F. Rubio  
 Gabriel Seeyave

II. APPROVAL OF A NEW MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADVANTAGE ADVISERS, INC. AND THE FUND.

VOTES FOR -----	VOTES AGAINST -----	VOTES ABSTAINED -----	NON-VOTING SHARES -----	TOTAL VOTING SHARE -----
17,002,834	2,197,497	141,338	8,229,231	27,570,900

\* Resigned as Director of the Fund effective May 8, 2003. Bryan McKigney was appointed Chairman of the Fund as of May 8, 2003.

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RESULTS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS (CONTINUED)

III. APPROVAL OF A NEW COUNTRY ADVISORY AGREEMENT BETWEEN ADVANTAGE ADVISERS, INC. AND IMPERIAL INVESTMENT ADVISORS PRIVATE LIMITED.

VOTES FOR -----	VOTES AGAINST -----	VOTES ABSTAINED -----	NON-VOTING SHARES -----	TOTAL VOTING SHARE -----
16,988,052	2,206,401	147,216	8,229,231	27,570,900

IV. APPROVAL OF A FUNDAMENTAL POLICY WHEREBY THE FUND WOULD ADOPT AN INTERVAL FUND STRUCTURE.

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VOTES FOR -----	VOTES AGAINST -----	VOTES ABSTAINED -----	NON-VOTING SHARES -----	TOTAL VOTING SHARE -----
14,069,169	2,779,725	63,919	10,658,087	27,570,900

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DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

The Fund intends to distribute annually to shareholders substantially all of its net investment income, and to distribute any net realized capital gains at least annually. Net investment income for this purpose is income other than net realized long and short-term capital gains net of expenses.

Pursuant to the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), shareholders whose shares of Common Stock are registered in their own names will be deemed to have elected to have all distributions automatically reinvested by the Plan Agent in Fund shares pursuant to the Plan, unless such shareholders elect to receive distributions in cash. Shareholders who elect to receive distributions in cash will receive all distributions in cash paid by check in dollars mailed directly to the shareholder by the dividend paying agent. In the case of shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees, that hold shares for others who are beneficial owners, the Plan Agent will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of shares certified from time to time by the shareholders as representing the total amount registered in such shareholders' names and held for the account of beneficial owners that have not elected to receive distributions in cash. Investors that own shares registered in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee should consult with such nominee as to participation in the Plan through such nominee, and may be required to have their shares registered in their own names in order to participate in the Plan.

The Plan Agent serves as agent for the shareholders in administering the Plan. If the directors of the Fund declare an income dividend or a capital gains distribution payable either in the Fund's Common Stock or in cash, nonparticipants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive Common Stock, to be issued by the Fund or purchased by the Plan Agent in the open market, as provided below. If the market price per share on the valuation date equals or exceeds net asset value per share on that date, the Fund will issue new shares to participants at net asset value; provided, however, that if the net asset value is less than 95% of the market price on valuation date, then such shares will be issued at 95% of the market price. The valuation date will be the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a New York Stock Exchange trading day, the next preceding trading day. If net asset value exceeds the market price of Fund shares at such time, or if the Fund should declare an income dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, the Plan Agent will, as agent for the participants, buy Fund shares in the open market, on the New York Stock Exchange or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts on, or shortly after, the payment date. If, before the Plan Agent has completed its purchases, the market price exceeds the net asset value of a Fund share, the average per share purchase price paid by the Plan Agent may exceed the net asset value of the Fund's shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer shares than if the distribution had been paid in shares



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issued by the Fund on the dividend payment date.

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### DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS (CONTINUED)

#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

Because of the forgoing difficulty with respect to open market purchases, the Plan provides that if the Plan Agent is unable to invest the full dividend amount in open market purchases during the purchase period or if the market discount shifts to a market premium during the purchase period, the Plan Agent will cease making open-market purchases and shareholders will receive the uninvested portion of the dividend amount in newly issued shares at the close of business on the last purchase date.

Participants have the option of making additional cash payments to the Plan Agent, annually, in any amount from \$100 to \$3,000, for investment in the Fund's Common Stock. The Plan Agent will use all such funds received from participants to purchase Fund shares in the open market on or about February 15.

Any voluntary cash payment received more than 30 days prior to this date will be returned by the Plan Agent, and interest will not be paid on any uninvested cash payment. To avoid unnecessary cash accumulations, and also to allow ample time for receipt and processing by the Plan Agent, it is suggested that participants send in voluntary cash payments to be received by the Plan Agent approximately ten days before an applicable purchase date specified above. A participant may withdraw a voluntary cash payment by written notice, if the notice is received by the Plan Agent not less than 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

The Plan Agent maintains all shareholder accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmations of all transactions in an account, including information needed by shareholders for personal and tax records. Shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Agent in the name of the participant, and each shareholder's proxy will include those shares purchased pursuant to the Plan.

There is no charge to participants for reinvesting dividends or capital gains distributions or voluntary cash payments. The Plan Agent's fees for the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions and voluntary cash payments will be paid by the Fund. There will be no brokerage charges with respect to shares issued directly by the Fund as a result of dividends or capital gains distributions payable either in stock or in cash. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred with respect to the Plan Agent's open market purchases in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions and voluntary cash payments made by the participant. Brokerage charges for purchasing small amounts of stock for individual accounts through the Plan are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charges for such transactions, because the Plan Agent will be purchasing stock for all participants in blocks and prorating the lower commissions thus attainable.

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### DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS (CONCLUDED)

The receipt of dividends and distributions under the Plan will not relieve participants of any income tax that may be payable on such dividends or distributions.

Experience under the Plan may indicate that changes in the Plan are desirable. Accordingly, the Fund and the Plan Agent reserve the right to terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to notice of the termination sent to members of the Plan at least 30 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended by the Fund or the Plan Agent, but (except when necessary or appropriate to comply with applicable law, rules or policies of a regulatory authority) only by at least 30 days' written notice to participants in the Plan. All correspondence concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Agent at 301 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, Delaware 19809.

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PRIVACY POLICY OF  
ADVANTAGE ADVISERS, INC.  
THE ASIA TIGERS FUND, INC.  
THE INDIA FUND, INC.

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YOUR PRIVACY IS PROTECTED

An important part of our commitment to you is our respect for your right to privacy. Protecting all the information we are either required to gather or which accumulates in the course of doing business with you is a cornerstone of our relationship with you. While the range of products and services we offer continues to expand, and the technology we use continues to change, our commitment to maintaining standards and procedures with respect to security remains constant.

### COLLECTION OF INFORMATION

The primary reason that we collect and maintain information is to more effectively administer our customer relationship with you. It allows us to identify, improve and develop products and services that we believe could be of benefit. It also permits us to provide efficient, accurate and responsive service, to help protect you from unauthorized use of your information and to comply with regulatory and other legal requirements. These include those related to institutional risk control and the resolution of disputes or inquiries.

Various sources are used to collect information about you, including (i) information you provide to us at the time you establish a relationship, (ii) information provided in applications, forms or instruction letters completed by you, (iii) information about your transactions with us or our affiliated companies, and/or (iv) information we receive through an outside source, such as a bank or credit bureau. In order to maintain the integrity of client information, we have procedures in place to update such information, as well as to delete it when appropriate. We encourage you to communicate such changes whenever necessary.

### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

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We do not disclose any nonpublic, personal information (such as your name, address or tax identification number) about our clients or former clients to anyone, except as permitted or required by law. We maintain physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect such information, and limit access to such information to those employees who require it in order to provide products or services to you.

The law permits us to share client information with companies that are affiliated with us which provide financial, credit, insurance, trust, legal, accounting and administrative services to us or our clients. This allows us to enhance our relationship with you by providing a broader range of products to better meet your needs and to protect the assets you may hold with us by preserving the safety and soundness of our firm.

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THE ASIA TIGERS FUND, INC.  
THE INDIA FUND, INC.

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THE INDIA FUND, INC.

INVESTMENT MANAGER:  
Oppenheimer Asset Management Inc.,  
an affiliate of Fahnstock & Co. Inc.

ADMINISTRATOR:  
Fahnstock & Co. Inc.

SUB-ADMINISTRATOR:  
PFPC Inc.

TRANSFER AGENT:  
PFPC Inc.

CUSTODIAN:  
Deutsche Bank AG

ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. [RESERVED]

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. [RESERVED]

ITEM 9. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the

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"1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c)) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

(b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal half-year (the registrant's second fiscal half-year in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 10. EXHIBITS.

- (a) (1) Not applicable.
- (a) (2) Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(registrant) The India Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ BRIAN MCKIGNEY

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Brian McKigney, President & Chairman  
(principal executive officer)

Date AUGUST 14, 2003  
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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ BRIAN MCKIGNEY

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Brian McKigney, President & Chairman  
(principal executive officer)

Date AUGUST 14, 2003  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /S/ ALAN KAYE

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Alan Kaye, Treasurer  
(principal financial officer)

Date AUGUST 14, 2003  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.