## **Chart of Difference Between Public Company and Private Company**

| Basis of<br>Difference                       | Public Company   | Private Company   |
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| Meaning                                      | A Public company is the one that is registered in the share market of the country to issue shares for the public to subscribe to them.                           | A private company is the one that has the minimum paid-up share capital as prescribed in the Articles of Association.     |
| Number of<br>Owner/<br>Members               | It has a <b>minimum of 7</b> and <b>no maximum limit</b> on the number of owners/ members.   | It has a <b>minimum of 2</b> and a <b>maximum of 200</b> owners/ members.   |
| Share<br>Capital                             | Rights of share capital and profits are distributed among all owners/members are per article of association and the <b>number of shares owned</b> by one person. | Rights of share capital and profits are distributed among all owners/members are as <b>per article of association.</b>    |
| Transfer of<br>Share                         | Owners/Members are <b>free to transfer</b> their share to the other person in the market.  | As per the terms and conditions decided in the article of association. many types of restrictions are imposed by the AOA. |
| Share<br>Prospectus                          | The prospectus <b>must be</b> issued to invite the public to subscribe to shares of the company.   | Prospectus <b>not need</b> to be issued.  |
| Number of<br>Directors                       | It must have <b>at least 3 Directors</b> and it can have a maximum of 15 Numbers of Directors.   | It must have <b>at least 2 Directors</b> and it can have a maximum of 15 Numbers of Directors.                            |
| Name of Company                              | The word <b>'Limited'</b> is used as part of the name of the company.  | The word 'Private Limited' is used as part of the name of the company.  |
| Funds<br>Raising                             | Public companies, it is very easy to raise funds by issuing shares to the public in the share market.  | Possible to raise funds by issuing shares of the company with the <b>mutual consent of all members</b> of the company.    |
| Who can<br>Subscribe<br>the Share<br>Capital | The public <b>can</b> easily subscribe to the share of the company.  | The public <b>can't</b> subscribe to the share of the company.  |