
Chapter 7 ANALYSING THE FINDINGS: A DATA EXAMINATION

The researcher conducted a non-doctrinal research to study the awareness amongst the Startups and Small Entities with regards to IPR Law. The aim of this study is to assess the awareness in various cities of Gujarat regarding the remedies available in case of infringement of their IPR. Specifically, this survey aimed to identify any gaps in knowledge or misconceptions that Startups and Small Entities may have regarding IPR and its protection, and create a baseline for future studies on the awareness of IPR amongst them.

The selected group of respondent is significant for several reasons. Firstly, these participants are important stakeholders in India's IP ecosystem, secondly, State of Gujarat is a progressive and business-oriented State, thirdly, as per the IPR Annual Report published by the Office of The Controller General of Patent, Designs, Trademarks and Geographical Indications, Government of India , Ministry of Commerce and Industry⁴³² published from 2018-2019 to 2022-2023 there is underrepresentation of these players in IPR Registration. Like the Annual Report of 2022-2023 presents that out of 43301 Patent Applications filed by Indians only 3345 Applications together are filed by Start-ups and Small Entities which is the highest in the last 5 Years. According to the report:

1. **Start-ups** : These entities are recognized under the Startup India Initiative. They focus on innovation, development, and the commercialization of new products or processes that are technology or IP-driven. For startups, the entity must not have been operational for more than five years, and its annual turnover should be less than ₹25 crores during this period. (Under Sec 2 (fb) Patent Rules 2003)
2. **Small Entities**: These refer to enterprises involved in manufacturing or production where the investment in plant and machinery is between ₹25 lakhs and ₹5 crores, as defined by the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006. (Under Sec 7 A (II) of the Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006)

⁴³² The Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs & Trade Marks, Annual IP Report 2022-2023, available at https://ipindia.gov.in/writereaddata/Portal/IPOAnnualReport/1_114_1_ANNUAL_REPORT_202223_English.pdf

The latest amendments in the IP framework, specifically the inclusion of the startup category as of January 25, 2021, highlight the evolving landscape of IP rights in India. Startups have been recognized as a key component of the innovation ecosystem, alongside natural persons and small entities. Moreover, fee structures for small entities and startups have been revised to match those applicable to natural persons, making IP protection more accessible for these groups.

Gathering data from these diverse categories helps provide a comprehensive understanding of their contributions to innovation, product development, and IP commercialization. Small entities and startups, in particular, are key drivers of technological innovation, and their growing engagement with IPR is critical to shaping India's future economic landscape.

The study used a questionnaire with 31 questions, divided into five parts covering the basics of IPR, Patents, Trademarks, Designs, and IPR in India and globally. The study was conducted in different cities in Gujarat, and the Respondents were innovators and manufacturers from Startups and Small Entities who are considered the most suitable group to assess awareness of IPR.

The sampling method used in this study was a purposive sampling technique. The questionnaire was distributed personally and through email and other online channels. The respondents were selected based on their occupation and location, ensuring that only Startups and Small Entities are included.

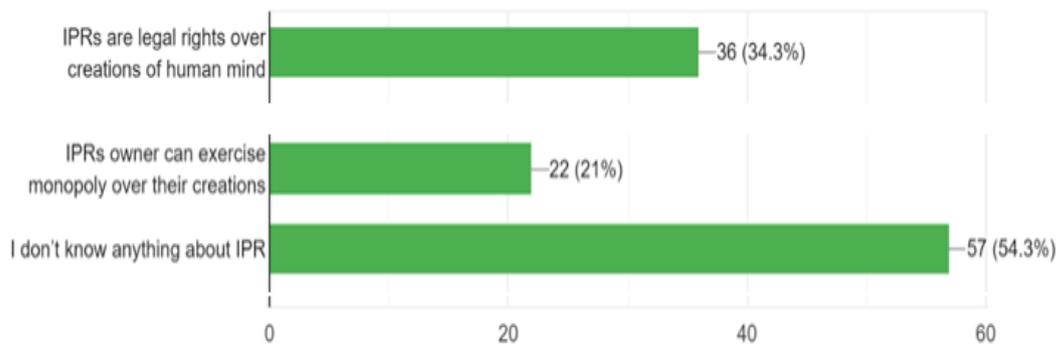
The analysis of the responses received is as under:

PART 1 Basics of IPR

Question 1

Which of the following statement is correct to describe the nature of IPR?

105 responses

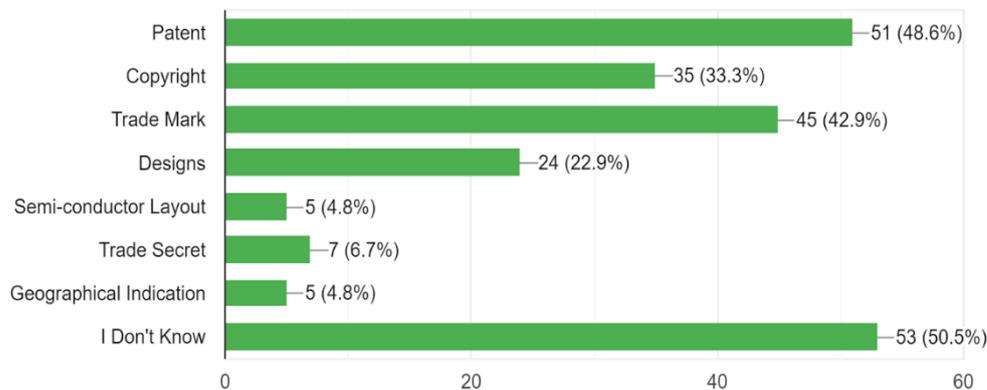


The question is aimed at measuring the level of understanding of the respondents regarding the nature of IPR. From the responses received in the survey, it can be said that 34.3% of the respondents correctly identified that IPR are legal rights over the creations of human mind. Further, 21% of the respondents correctly identified that IPR owners can exercise a monopoly over their creation. However, the fact that 54.3% of the respondents answered that they don't know anything about IPR is concerning.

Question 2

Which of the following are considered as an Intellectual Property?

105 responses



About 50% of the Respondents in the survey were found to be unaware of Intellectual Property. This is a significant number that highlights the need for greater education and awareness about Intellectual Property (IP) and strategies. Among the Respondents who were aware of IP, Patent was the most commonly recognized form of IP, with 48.6% of the Respondents responding familiarity with it. This is not surprising given that Patents are particularly relevant to manufacturing and innovation. Trademark was the second most recognized form of IP, with 42.9% of the Respondents indicating familiarity with it. This suggests that branding and marketing aspects of IP may also be important to manufacturers and innovators. Copyright was the third most recognized form of IP, with 33.3% of the Respondents reporting familiarity with it. This is still a relatively low percentage, which may indicate a need for more education and awareness about the role of Copyright in protecting creative works. Designs were the fourth most recognized form of IP, with only 22.9% of the Respondents reporting familiarity with it. This is somewhat surprising given the importance of design in many industries, & suggests that more needs to be done to educate the public about this form of IP.

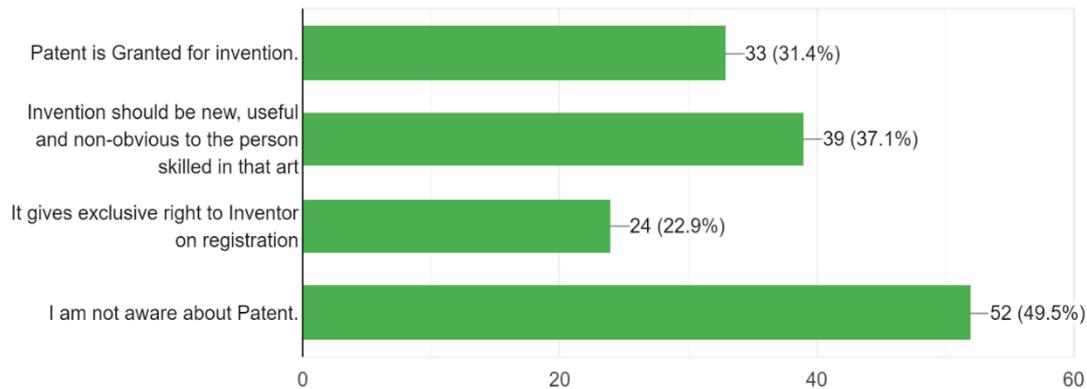
Trade Secret was the fifth most recognized form of IP, with only 6.7% of the Respondents reporting familiarity with it. This is perhaps not surprising, given that trade secrets are often not well understood or recognized by the general public. Semiconductor Layout and Geographical Indications were tied for sixth place in terms of recognition, with only 4.8% of the Respondents reporting familiarity with each of these forms of IP. This suggests that these types of IP may be particularly niche or specialized, and may require more targeted education and awareness programs. The National IP Policy 2016 includes provisions for awareness-raising and education programs about IP at the basic level, but the results of the study suggest that more work may be needed in this area. The findings highlight the need for greater education and awareness about IP rights & strategies among the general public, particularly in relation to less well-known forms of IP such as Designs and Trade Secrets.

PART 2; About Patent Law

Question 3

What do you know about Patent?

105 responses

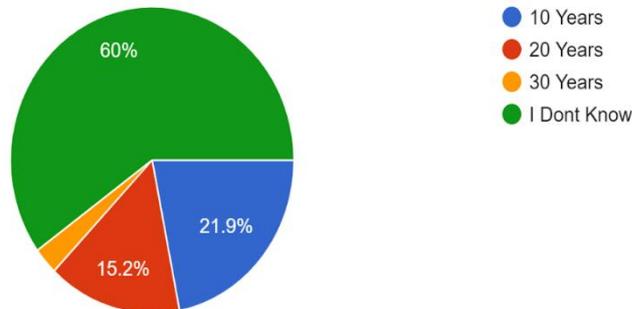


About 50% of the Respondents in the survey were found to be unaware of what a Patent is. This is a significant number and highlights the need for greater education and awareness about this form of IP. Among the Respondents who were aware of Patents, the highest level of awareness was related to the criteria for obtaining a Patent. Specifically, 37.1% of the Respondents recognized that a Patent is given for an "Invention that is new, useful, and non-obvious to a person skilled in that art." This suggests that there is a good understanding among Respondents of the basic requirements for obtaining a Patent. The second highest level of awareness among those aware of Patents was related to the fact that a Patent is granted for an invention, with 31.4% of the Respondents recognizing this fact. This is also an important aspect of Patents and is an indication that Respondents have some familiarity with the purpose of Patents. A smaller number of Respondents, 22.9%, recognized that a Patent gives exclusive rights to inventors upon registration. This suggests that there may be a need for more education and awareness about the benefits and protections offered by Patents.

Question 4

What is the Term of Patent ?

105 responses

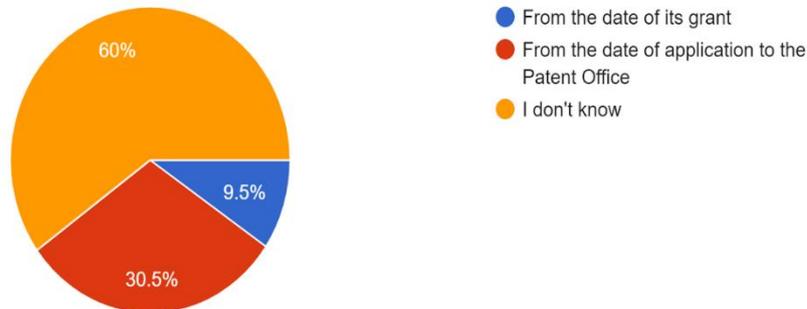


The graph shows that approximately 60% of the Respondents were not aware of the term of a Patent. This is a concerning finding, as it suggests that there may be a lack of understanding about the legal framework governing Patents. Of those Respondents who did have an idea of the term of a Patent, a significant proportion (21.9%) believed that the term was 10 years. However, this is not accurate, as the actual term of a Patent is 20 years from the date of filing. This suggests that there may be a need for clearer communication and education about IP laws and regulations. It is discouraging that 15.2% of Respondents correctly identified the term of a Patent as 20 years, indicating that few respondents in the survey do have a basic understanding of this aspect of IPR. The fact that some Respondents (2.9%) believed that the term of a Patent was 30 years is concerning, as this highlights the potential for misinformation and misunderstandings about IPR. Providing accurate information is essential for individuals and organizations to make informed decisions about their IP assets. It can be said that the Respondents even though know about patent are not fully aware about the characteristics features of patent.

Question 5

According to you the term of Patent begins..

105 responses

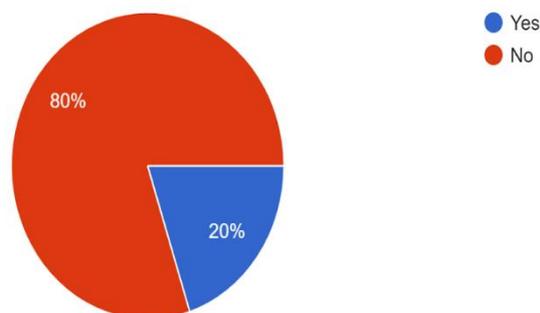


The graph shows that 60% of Respondents selected "I don't know" when asked about the start date of a Patent term. This is a concerning finding, as it suggests a general lack of awareness about the legal framework governing Patents. The fact that such a high percentage of Respondents are unsure about the start date of a Patent term highlights the need for education and awareness-raising initiatives to promote understanding of IPR. Out of the remaining 30.5% who did have an idea of the start date of a Patent term, the majority correctly stated that the term starts from the date of application to the Patent office. This is an important detail to understand, as it has implications for the timing of patent applications and renewals. A small percentage of Respondents (9.5%) stated that the start date of a Patent term is from the date of the grant. While this is not accurate, it is still encouraging that some individuals in the survey have a basic understanding of this aspect of IPR.

Question 6

Are you aware about the procedure for obtaining Patent?

105 responses

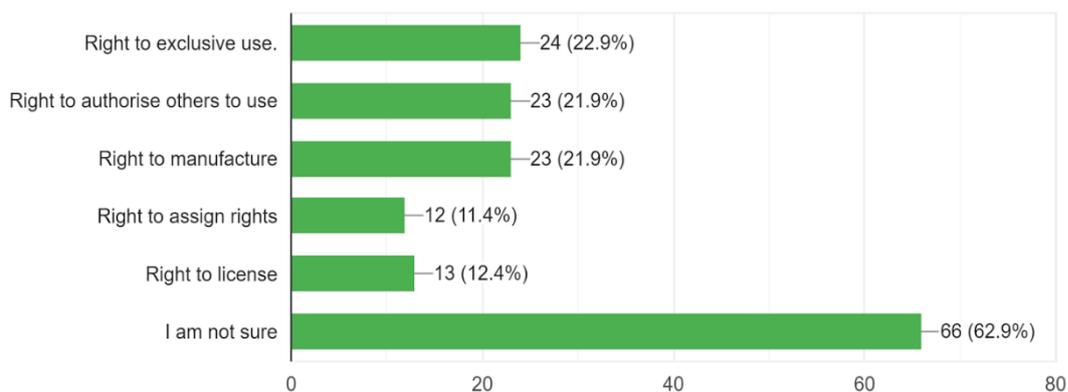


Since the data was collected only from the manufactures and innovators it was expected that they would be fully aware about the procedures for obtaining patent. The pie chart above shows that 80% of Respondents were not aware of the procedure for obtaining a Patent, while only 20% had some level of awareness. This is a concerning finding, as it suggests a significant knowledge gap among innovators and manufacturers. The fact that such a high percentage of Respondents are not aware of the procedure for obtaining a Patent highlights the need for education and awareness-raising initiatives to promote understanding of the patent application process. Without a clear understanding of the patent application process, innovators and manufacturers may be at a disadvantage when it comes to protecting their intellectual property. This may have serious consequences for their business, including lost revenue and diminished competitive advantage.

Question 7

Which of the following Rights are available to the Patent Holder?

105 responses



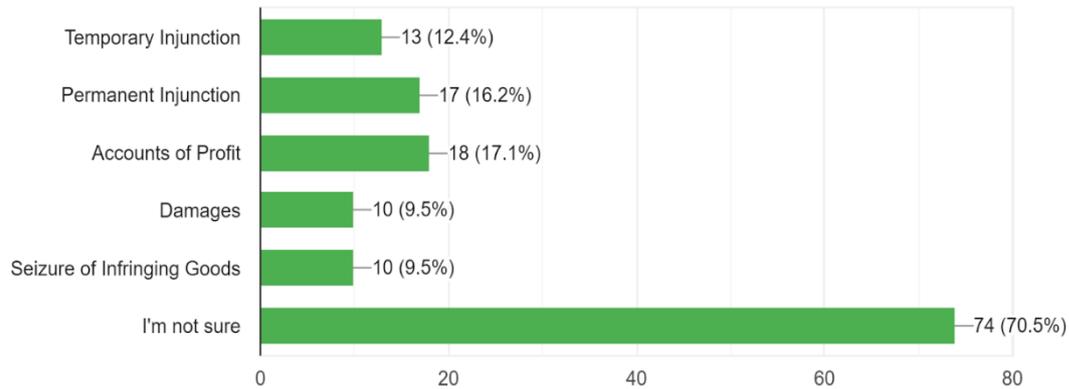
From the above graph, majority of Respondents i.e. 62.9% were not sure about what are the rights of the patent holder, and it makes sense in the earlier question about 50% of the Respondents were not aware about the concept of patent. Among those who did select other responses, multiple options were chosen by many Respondents, suggesting confusion or uncertainty about the correct answer. The highest response was "Right to exclusive use" with 22.9% of Respondents selecting this option. 21.9% of Respondents selected both "Right to authorize others to use" and "To authorize others to use," indicating a need for clarification of the options provided. 21.9% of Respondents selected "Right to manufacturer." 11.4% of Respondents selected "Right to assign rights." 12.4% of Respondents selected "Right to license." It is interesting to note that multiple options were chosen by many Respondents,

indicating some confusion or uncertainty about the correct answer. Specifically, 21.9% of Respondents selected both "Right to authorize others to use."

Question 8

What remedies are available to a patentee in case of Infringement of his Patent?

105 responses

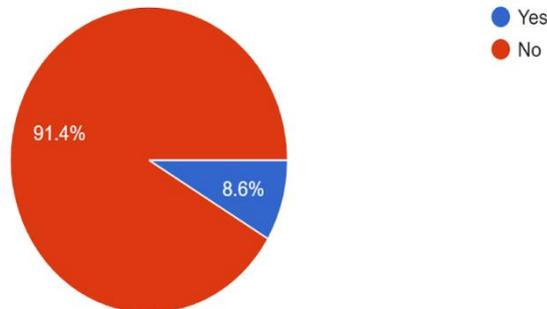


About 70.5% of Respondents selected "Not sure" about the remedies available in case of patent infringement, indicating a lack of understanding about legal options for addressing patent violations. It is found that the Respondents are not fully aware about the rights or the remedies. The most recognized remedy selected by Respondents was "Accounts of Profits" at 17.1%, followed by "Permanent Injunction" at 16.2%, suggesting some familiarity with legal options. The third most recognized remedy was "Temporary Injunction" at 12.4%, indicating a moderate level of awareness among some Respondents. "Damages" and "Seizure of Infringing Goods" were tied at 9.5% each, representing relatively low levels of recognition among Respondents. Since the question was related to remedies is purely legal the response to this question has been dim. Nevertheless, it is important to note that the Respondents should know about the remedies.

Question 9

Do you own a Patent?

105 responses



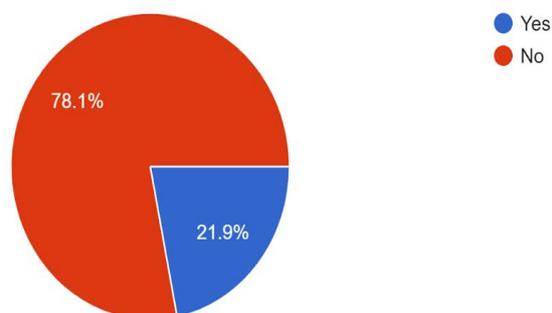
From the above pie chart about 8.6% have a Patent and the remaining 91.4% do not own a Patent. This suggests that there is a need for more education and awareness about the patenting process and the benefits of obtaining a patent. This suggest that even though the targeted Respondents are innovators and manufactures they do not own patents. Materialising innovations in terms of Patent is the need of the hour in the Indian context.

PART 3; About Trademark Law

Question 10

Do You Know the Procedure for obtaining a Trademark?

105 responses



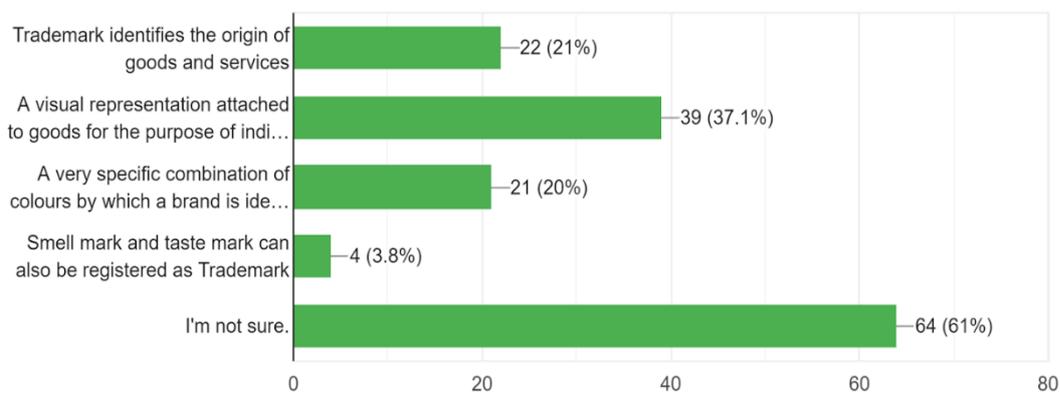
From the above pie chart, 21.9% of the Respondents reported that they know the procedure for obtaining a trademark, while the majority of 78.1% reported that they are not aware of the procedure. Lack of awareness about the procedure for obtaining a trademark among the majority of Respondents highlights the need for education and awareness-raising initiatives to

promote understanding of IPR. For those Respondents who are not familiar with the procedure for obtaining a trademark, it is crucial that they should understand the process and the benefits of obtaining a trademark for their business or product. Overall, it is important for innovators and manufacturers to be aware of the benefits of obtaining a trademark and to understand the process for obtaining one. By taking steps to protect their brand and IP, businesses can establish a strong presence in the marketplace and differentiate themselves from competitors.

Question 11

Which of the following statement according to you is related to Trademark ?

105 responses

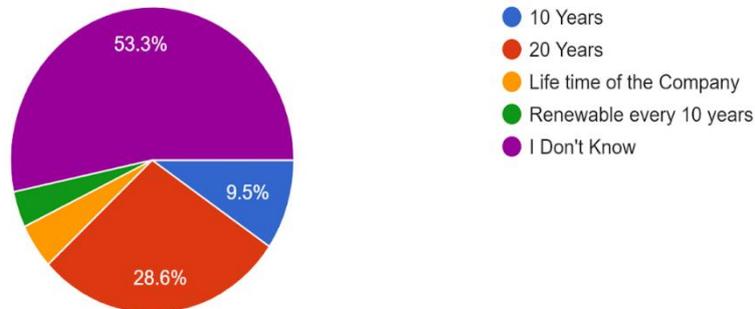


61% of the Respondents selected "I'm not sure" when asked about the definition of a trademark, indicating a lack of knowledge or confusion about the concept. The highest selected response at 37.1% was "A visual representation attached to goods for the purpose of indicating their trade origin," which shows that some Respondents have a basic understanding of trademarks. The second most popular option selected at 21% was "Trademark identifies the origin of goods and services," which is a correct definition of a trademark. At 20%, the option "A very specific combination of colours by which a brand is identified with" was also popular among Respondents and can be considered a correct definition of a trademark. The least popular options selected were "Smell mark and taste mark can also be registered as a Trademark" at 3.8%, indicating that most Respondents are not aware of the extent to which trademarks can be registered. It can be concluded that although people are surrounded with brands and Trade Marks still manufactures and innovators do not know the concept of Trade Mark.

Question 12

For how many years a Trademark is granted?

105 responses



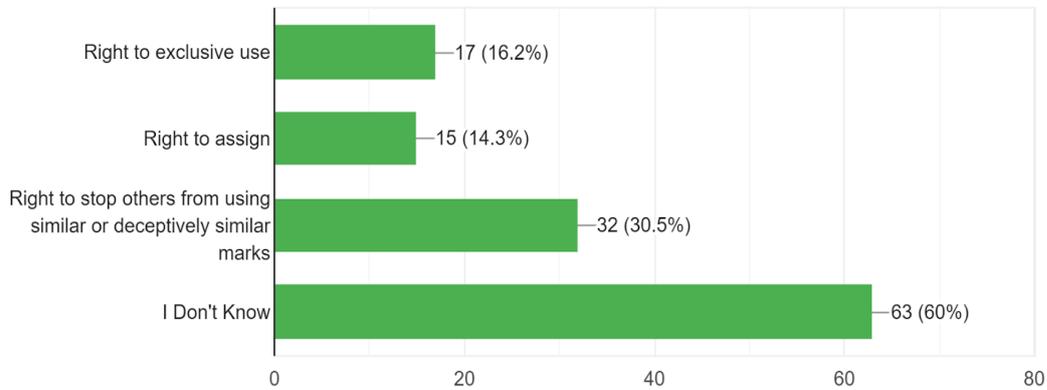
In relation to the to the basic question of trademark is granted,

53.3% of the Respondents “*did not know*” how long a trademark is granted for. This suggests that there may be a lack of awareness or education around trademark laws and regulations among the innovators and manufacturers surveyed. 9.5% responded with “*10 years*”, which is the correct answer in many countries, including the United States, India. This indicates a low level of knowledge about trademark laws among the Respondents. 28.6% of the Respondents answered with “*20 years*”, which is incorrect. This suggests confusion with other types of IPR, such as patents, which may have a duration of 20 years in some countries. 4.8% of the Respondents answered with “*lifetime of the company*,” which is incorrect. This indicates a significant lack of knowledge about trademark laws. 3.8% of the Respondents answered with “*renewable every 10 years*,” which is the most appropriate answer. This suggests that a small portion of the Respondents have some knowledge about trademark laws.

Question 13

Which of the following are the rights of Trademark holder ?

105 responses



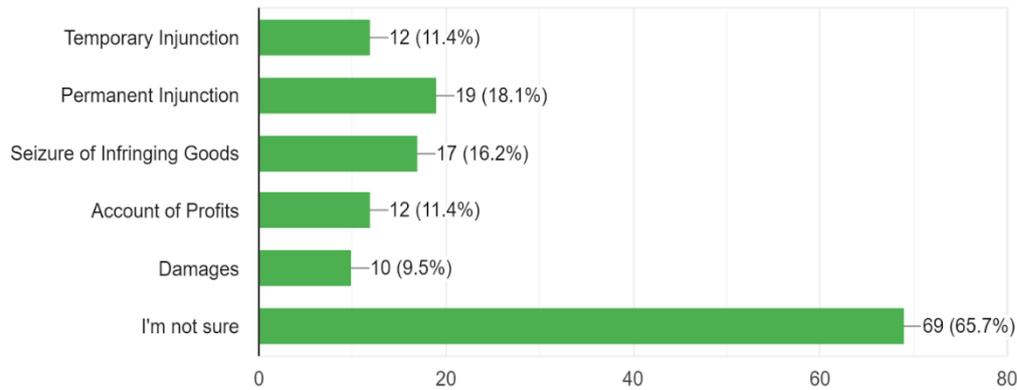
60% of the Respondents selected "*I don't know*" which suggests that more education and awareness is needed in this area. 16.2% of Respondents correctly identified that the trademark holder has the "*right to exclusive use of the mark*". This indicates that some Respondents have a basic understanding of trademark rights. 14.3% of Respondents selected the "*right to assign*" which is another correct answer. However, this answer is less relevant to the general public and more applicable to legal professionals and those involved in business transactions. 30.5% of Respondents selected "*the right to stop others from using similar or deceptively similar marks*". This is also a correct answer and an important right that trademark holders have to protect their brand identity and prevent confusion among consumers.

Overall, the results suggest that there is a need for greater education and awareness about trademark rights, particularly among the general public. Businesses and legal professionals may have a better understanding of these rights, but it is still important to ensure that everyone understands the basics of trademark law to prevent infringement and protect IP.

Question 14

Which of the following remedies are available in case of infringement of Trademark ?

105 responses

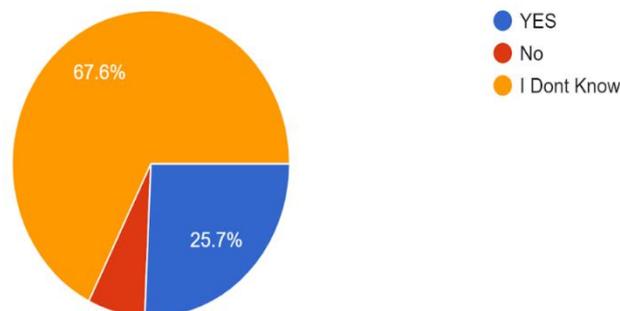


65.7% of the Respondents selected "*I am not sure*" which suggests that more education and awareness is needed in this area. Among those who selected an answer 18.1% of Respondents correctly identified that "*a permanent injunction*" is an available remedy in case of trademark infringement. This indicates that some Respondents have a basic understanding of trademark remedies. 11.4% of Respondents selected "*temporary injunctions and accounts of profits*", which are also correct answers. 16.2% of Respondents selected "*seizure of infringing goods*", which is another correct answer and an important remedy that can prevent further infringement and protect the trademark owner's rights. 9.5% of Respondents selected damages, which is also a correct answer and a common remedy in trademark infringement cases.

Question 15

Is it necessary to get your Trademark registered in order to use it OR to claim rights for it?

105 responses

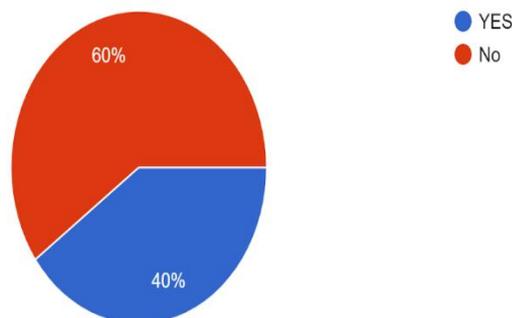


A significant majority of the Respondents (67.6%) selected "*I don't know*" which indicates a lack of clarity or knowledge on the topic of trademark registration and its requirements. 25.7% of the Respondents selected "*yes*" which indicates that they may believe that it is necessary to register a trademark in order to use it or claim rights to it. Only 6.7% of the Respondents selected "*no*" which suggests that they are aware that it is not necessary to register a trademark in order to use it or claim rights to it. To claim the right over a Trademark, registration is not necessary. This very fact needs to be made to know to the users. Although registration of Trademark has its own benefits.

Question 16

Do you own a Trademark?

105 responses



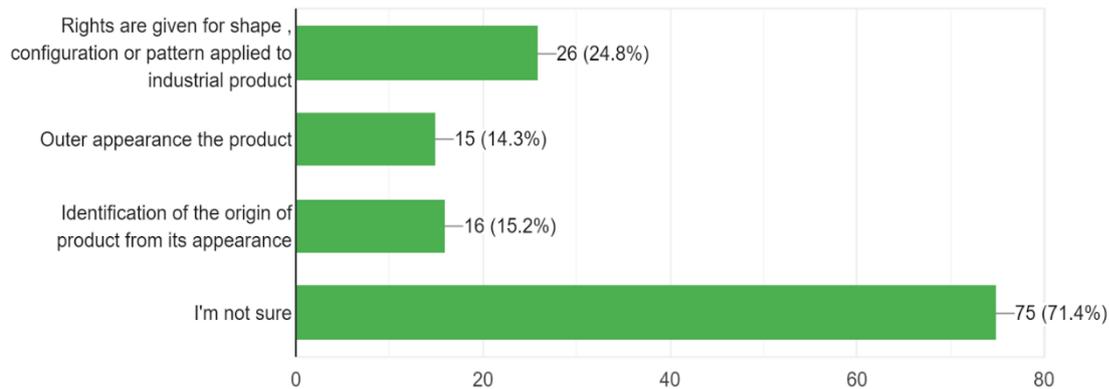
60% of the Respondents selected "*Yes*" which indicates that they own a trademark. 40% of the Respondents selected "*No*" which suggests that they do not own a trademark. The response to this answer suggest that although 60% own a Trademark they do not know about the law relating to Trademark

PART 4 About Design Law

Question 17

Which of the following statement according to you is related to Designs ?

105 responses

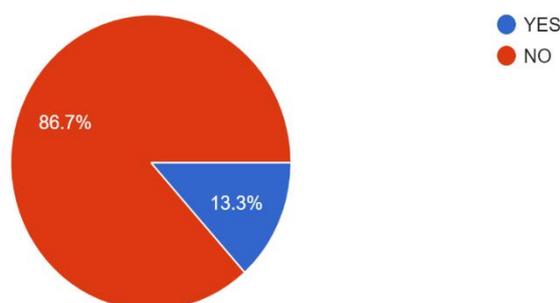


The majority of the Respondents (71.4%) selected "*I am not sure*" which indicates a lack of clarity or knowledge on the topic of designs. 24.8% of the Respondents selected "*Rights are given for shape configuration or pattern applied to industrial product*" which is a correct statement related to designs. 14.3% of the Respondents selected "*Outer appearance of the product*" which is a relevant aspect related to designs, but not a complete definition of designs. 15.2% of the Respondents selected "*Identification of the origin of the product from its appearance*" Among all IPR, design is generally lesser known to the people in society and the same is reflected in the response too.

Question 18

Do you know the procedure for getting your Designs registered ?

105 responses

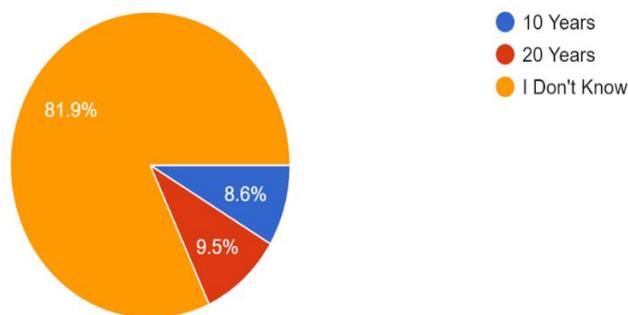


86.7% of the respondents said that they do not know the procedure for getting their designs registered. This indicates a lack of awareness or knowledge about the process of design registration among a large majority of the innovators and manufacturers surveyed. Only 13.3% of the respondents said that they know the procedure for getting their designs registered. This suggests that there is a relatively small group of respondents who have some knowledge or experience in this area.

Question 19

Design rights are granted for how many years?

105 responses

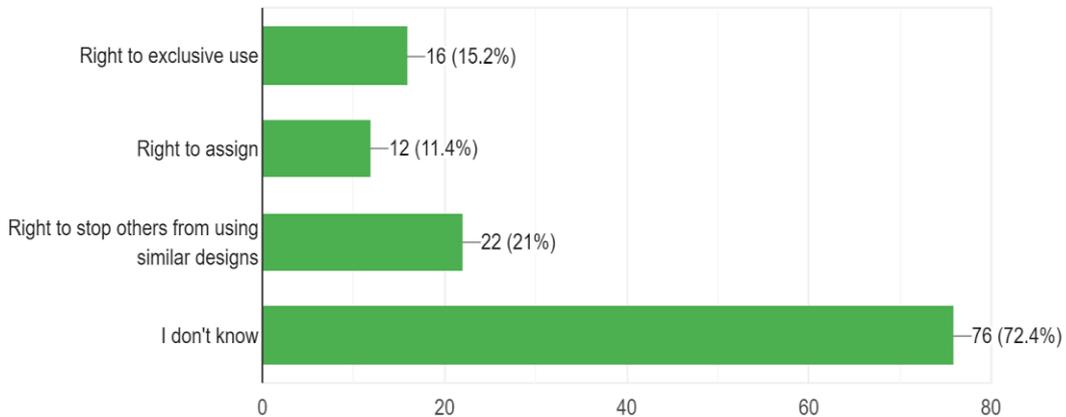


81.9% of the Respondents selected "*I don't know*" which indicates a lack of clarity or knowledge on the duration of design. 8.6% of the Respondents selected "*10 years*" which is the correct duration for designs. 9.5% of the Respondents selected "*20 years*" which is not the correct duration for designs

Question 20

What rights are granted on registration of Designs ?

105 responses

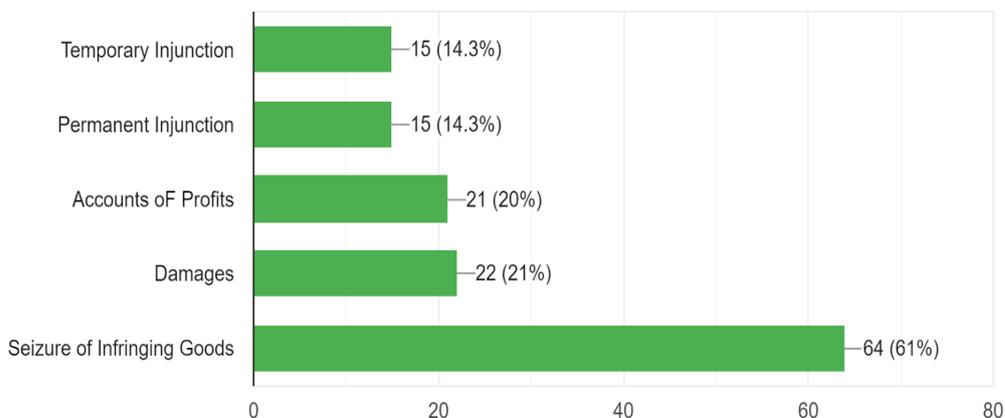


The majority of Respondents (72.4%) selected "*I don't know*" which indicates a lack of clarity or knowledge on the rights granted on registration of designs. The most popular at 21% Respondents selected "*Right to stop others from using similar designs*" Followed by 15.2% of the Respondents selected "*Right to exclusive use*" which is a second most popular option aware among the Respondents and at last the least with 11.4% of the Respondents selected "*Right to assign*"

Question 21

Which of the following remedies are available in case of Infringement of Design ?

105 responses

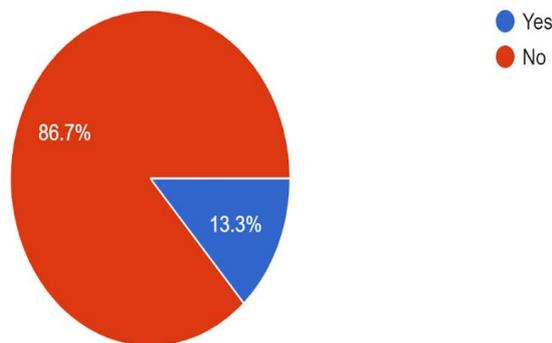


About 61% of Respondents selected "*Seizure of infringing Goods*" indicating that they are aware of this remedy in case of design infringement. 21% of Respondents selected "*Damages*", which suggests a moderate level of awareness of the availability of this remedy. 20% of Respondents selected "*Accounts of Profits*", which indicates a moderate level of awareness of this remedy. Only 14.3% of Respondents selected "*Permanent Injunctions*" & "*Temporary Injunctions*", indicating a relatively low level of awareness of these remedies. Since issues on rights and remedies are generally very legal in nature it is not known to most of the Respondents.

Question 22

Do you own a Design?

105 responses



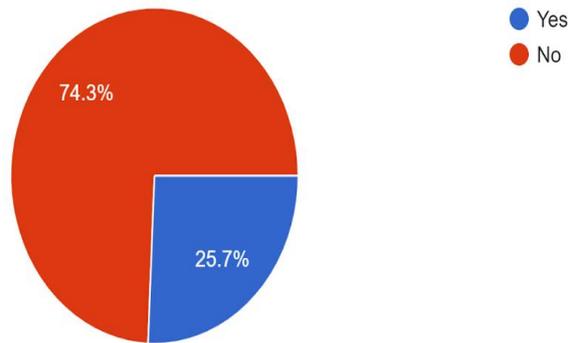
Only 13.3% of the Respondents said “YES” that they own a design, while the vast majority 86.7% indicated that they do not own a design.

PART 5; IP assistance by Government of India

Question 23

Are you aware of the National IP Policy 2016 ?

105 responses

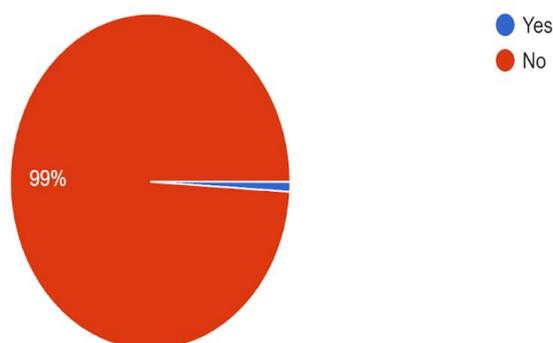


According to the pie chart, 74.3% of the Respondents are "not aware" of the National IP Policy 2016. This indicates a significant lack of knowledge among the Respondents about the policy. It is possible that the lack of awareness could be due to insufficient promotion or dissemination of information about the policy. Only 25.7% of the Respondents indicated that they are "aware" of the National IP Policy 2016. This suggests that there is a need for greater awareness & dissemination of information about the policy among innovators & manufacturers. This could help ensure that the policy is properly understood & applied by those who could benefit from it.

Question 24

Have you received any Financial Assistance under National IP Policy 2016?

105 responses

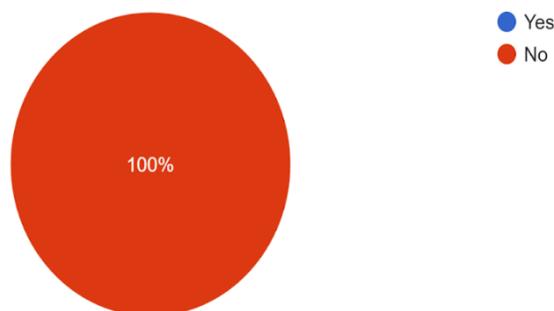


According to the pie chart, 99% of the Respondents have not received any financial assistance through the National IP Policy 2016. This indicates a low level of uptake of the policy's financial assistance provisions. It could also suggest a lack of awareness about the availability of such assistance. Only 1 respondent selected "yes" to having received financial assistance through the National IP Policy 2016. This suggests that there are very few beneficiaries of the policy's financial assistance provisions among the survey Respondents.

Question 25 and 26

Have you received any Financial Assistance with regards to your Patent (in research or filing of Patent) other from National IP Policy 2016?

105 responses

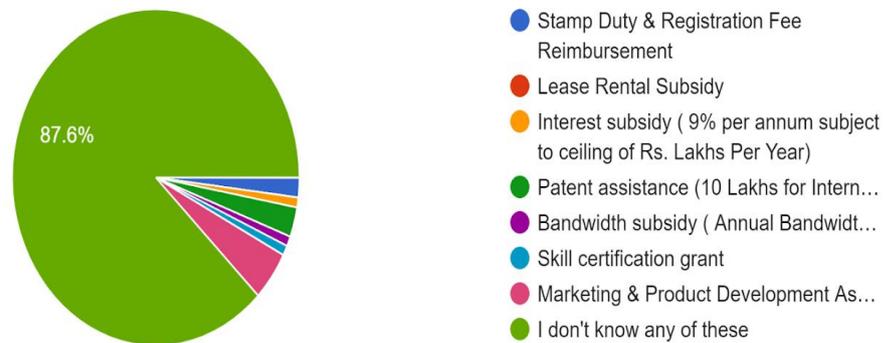


The pie chart indicates that none of the Respondents have received any financial assistance from other sources for their IP. This is not entirely surprising as obtaining funding for IP can be a challenging and competitive process. However, it also highlights the need for innovators and manufacturers to explore all potential avenues for funding in order to fully leverage the value of their IP. A follow-up optional question was asked Respondents to state the agency from where they have received financial assistance, if any. Based on the responses, none of the Respondents have received financial assistance with regards to their patent from any agency or source other than the National IP Policy 2016. Therefore, there is no need for any further analysis or recommendations for this question.

Question 27

Which of the following financial assistance's are given under "Startup India" by the Government to an innovator?

105 responses



Based on the results of the previous question, it appears that a large majority (87.6%) of the Respondents are not aware of the financial assistance offered under the "Start-up India" initiative. This highlights a need for increased awareness and communication efforts by the government and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that potential beneficiaries are informed about the financial support available to them.

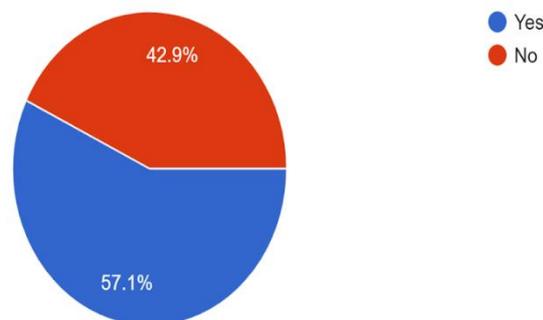
It is also worth noting that the percentage of Respondents who selected each option is quite low, ranging from 1% to 4.8%. This suggests that the current level of knowledge of these financial assistance programs is limited, and further efforts may be needed to promote and encourage their use among eligible individuals and organizations. 1.9% of Respondents selected "*Stamp Duty & Registration Fee Reimbursement*": The low percentage of Respondents selecting this option may indicate that this assistance is not widely known or utilized among innovators. 1% of Respondents selected "*Lease Rental Subsidy*": Similarly, the low percentage of Respondents selecting this option suggests that this type of assistance may not be well-known or commonly used. 1% of Respondents selected "*Interest subsidy (9% per annum subject to ceiling of Rs. 2 Lakhs Per Year)*": Again, the low percentage of Respondents selecting this option suggests that this type of assistance may not be widely utilized or well-known. 2.9% of Respondents selected "*Patent assistance (10 Lakhs for International Start-up & 4 lakhs for National Start-up)*": This percentage is slightly higher than the previous options, indicating that some innovators may be aware of and utilizing this type of assistance.

1% of Respondents selected "*Bandwidth subsidy (Annual Bandwidth charges subject to a ceiling of 20,000 for 2 years)*": Similar to the previous options, this percentage is low, suggesting that this type of assistance may not be widely known or used. 1% of Respondents selected "*Skill certification grant*": Once again, the low percentage of Respondents selecting this option suggests that this type of assistance may not be widely utilized or well-known. 4.8% of Respondents selected "*Marketing & Product Development Assistance (One Time Assistance of 1 Lakh)*": This percentage is slightly higher than some of the previous options, indicating that some innovators may be aware of and utilizing this type of assistance.

Question 28

Are You aware of China's Copycat Culture (i.e. Shanzhai Culture)?

105 responses

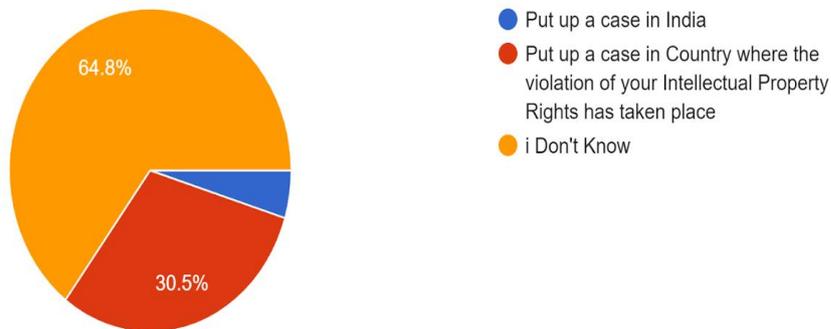


Based on the pie chart, slightly more than half of the Respondents (57.1%) are aware of China's copycat culture (Shanzhai culture). This indicates that a significant portion of Respondents may have experience with IP infringement or imitation in their business or industry. It may be worth exploring this further with those who answered yes to understand their level of familiarity with the concept and how it has impacted their business or industry. For those who answered no (42.9%), it may be beneficial to provide some education or resources on the topic. This could help prepare them for potential challenges related to IP infringement or imitation in the future. Providing education and resources on best practices for protecting IP when doing business with or in China could also be valuable. Discussing best practices for protecting IP could include topics such as patent and trademark registration, non-disclosure agreements, and monitoring for infringement. This could help businesses and innovators better protect their IP and potentially avoid legal disputes related to infringement. Overall, the results of the survey suggest that there may be a need for increased education and resources related to China's copycat culture and best practices for protecting IP.

Question 29

If Your IPR is Violated out of India , what will you do?

105 responses

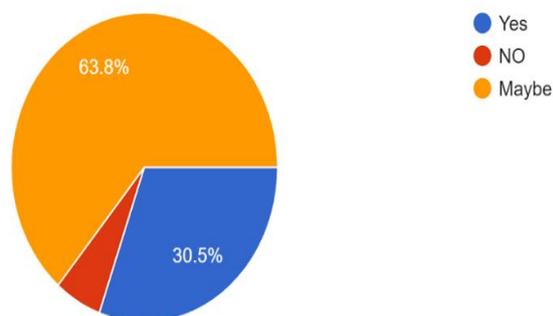


It's not surprising that the majority of Respondents (64.8%) selected "I don't know" as their answer, as enforcing IPR in foreign countries can be complex and challenging. The 30.5% of Respondents who selected "Put up a case in a country where the violation of your IPR has taken place" may have some awareness of the international legal framework for IP enforcement, and understand that they would need to pursue legal action in the jurisdiction where the infringement occurred. The 4.8% of Respondents who selected "Put up a case in India" may not be fully aware of the limitations of Indian law in enforcing IPR outside of India, or may believe that Indian courts would have jurisdiction over the matter even if the infringement occurred in a foreign country.

Question 30

Do you feel that adequate protection to your creativity is given under existing laws?

105 responses



This question aimed to assess whether the respondents feel that their creativity is adequately protected under existing laws. Based on the survey responses, 63.8% of the respondents answered 'Yes' to this question, indicating that they feel their creativity is adequately protected. Meanwhile, 30.5% of the respondents answered 'Maybe', indicating some uncertainty about whether their creativity is adequately protected under existing laws. Only 5.75% of the respondents answered 'No', indicating that they feel their creativity is not adequately protected under existing laws. Overall, the majority of respondents (nearly two-thirds) appear to feel that their creativity is adequately protected, which could be seen as a positive sign for IP protection in the surveyed group. However, the fact that a significant minority (30.5%) expressed some uncertainty or doubt about the adequacy of existing protections suggests that more education and awareness-raising may be needed on this topic.