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## Do attorneys in the High Court want to work on Saturdays?



***853 individuals in all took part in the poll.***

A few High Courts have adopted working Saturdays twice a month in an effort to decrease litigation pendency, following Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant's recommendation. But as we previously disclosed, attorneys from all throughout the nation are vehemently opposing the action.

***We polled the Bar to find out how people felt about the idea, even while some bar groups approved it.***

The participant's age, site of practice, and opinion on the idea were among the nine items we asked.

***The survey was completed by 853 people in total. Some respondents admitted that they were law students or did not practice at all, despite our desire to restrict the poll to practicing attorneys.***

What the data shows is as follows.

***Where do you work out?***

About 380 respondents, or about 45% of the total, practice in Delhi, making up the majority of survey participants. The Supreme Court and the Delhi High Court are the main courts that these respondents appear before.

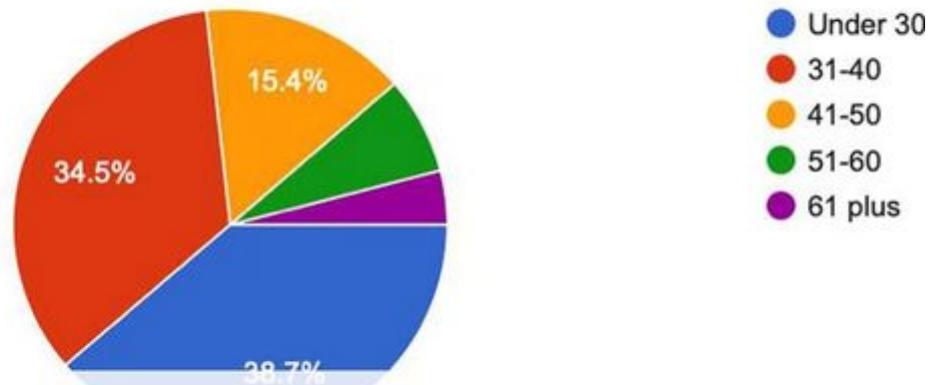
A sizable portion of the comments we received were from attorneys who practice before the Bombay High Court, followed by those from the Madras, Karnataka, and Punjab & Haryana High Courts.

Lawyers who practice before the High Courts in Allahabad, Gujarat, Kerala, Telangana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Calcutta, and Patna provided further responses. Only a very small percentage said they are not in the legal profession.

***A total of 837 people responded to the age question.***

289 (34.5%) of them were between the ages of 31 and 40, while 324 (38.7%) were under 30.

An additional 129 respondents (15.4%) were in the 41–50 age range, and 61 (7.3%) were in the 51–60 age range. Remarkably, 34 respondents (4.1%) said they were 61 years of age or older.



## **DO ATTORNEYS IN THE HIGH COURT WANT TO WORK ON SATURDAYS?**

The response shows that the idea of having two working Saturdays each month for High Courts is strongly opposed.

A total of 604 respondents (70.8%) expressed their disapproval of the High Courts' decision to implement two working Saturdays every month. Nonetheless, the idea was endorsed by 249 respondents, or 29.2%.

A total of 568 respondents (66.6%) expressed their opinion that even the Supreme Court should not be allowed to work on Saturdays.

But according to 285 respondents (33.4%), the Supreme Court ought to operate on alternate Saturdays as well.

663 people, or 77.7% of the total, responded that it was unfair to criticize higher courts for only operating five days a week.

Approximately 190 people (22.3%) disagreed.

***Q If courts operate on two Saturdays every month, will case pendency actually decrease?***

The majority of participants, 593 (69.5%), don't think that longer workdays will address the backlog problem.

However, 260 people (30.5%) believe that working on Saturdays could be beneficial.

**Q Would the ruling have an impact on judges, staff, and advocates' work-life balance?**

**722 (84.6%) of the participants, the vast majority, voiced concern that the decision would adversely affect the advocates', court employees', and judges' work-life balance. Only 131 people (15.4%) disagreed.**

What is a better way to cut the backlog, in your opinion?

The majority of respondents said that in order to address the backlog of cases in the High Courts, multiple measures were needed.

**The majority of respondents stated that strengthening the judiciary is the main way to deal with the backlog. While some favored reducing government appeals, others favored the appointment of ad hoc judges. Few, though, supported the establishment of more tribunals.**