

# Watching the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code work

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Intended outcomes of IBC:

1. Increase recovery rates in insolvency.
2. Reduce the time to recovery.
3. Change credit market landscape.

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Outputs necessary to get the outcomes

1. Access to recovery mechanisms for a wide variety of creditors
2. Commercial decisions in resolution
3. Strong institutional machinery:
  - ▶ Competitive industry of IPs, IPAs and IUs.
  - ▶ Well functioning NCLTs and the NCLAT.
  - ▶ Well functioning regulator.
4. Intergrity of the law:
  - ▶ Minimal judicial and state intervention.
  - ▶ Consistent decision making.

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Vendors	133
Employees	15
Others	19
Unknown	100
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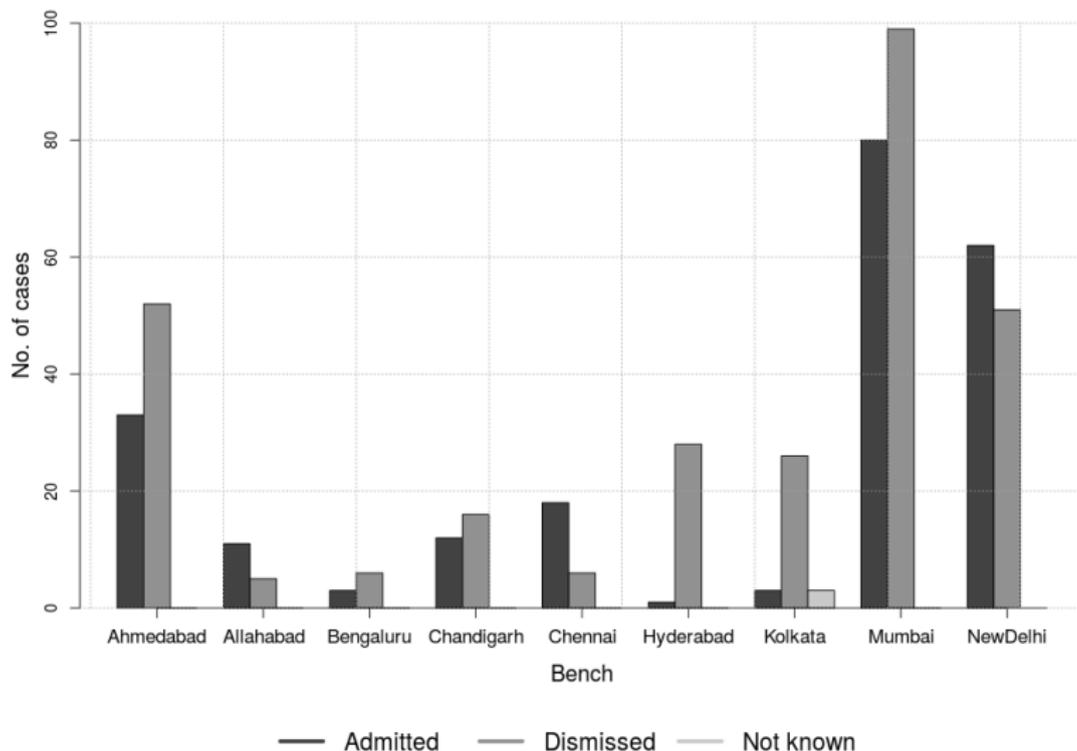
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Total number of cases admitted and dismissed

Cases admitted	223
Cases dismissed	289
Unknown	3
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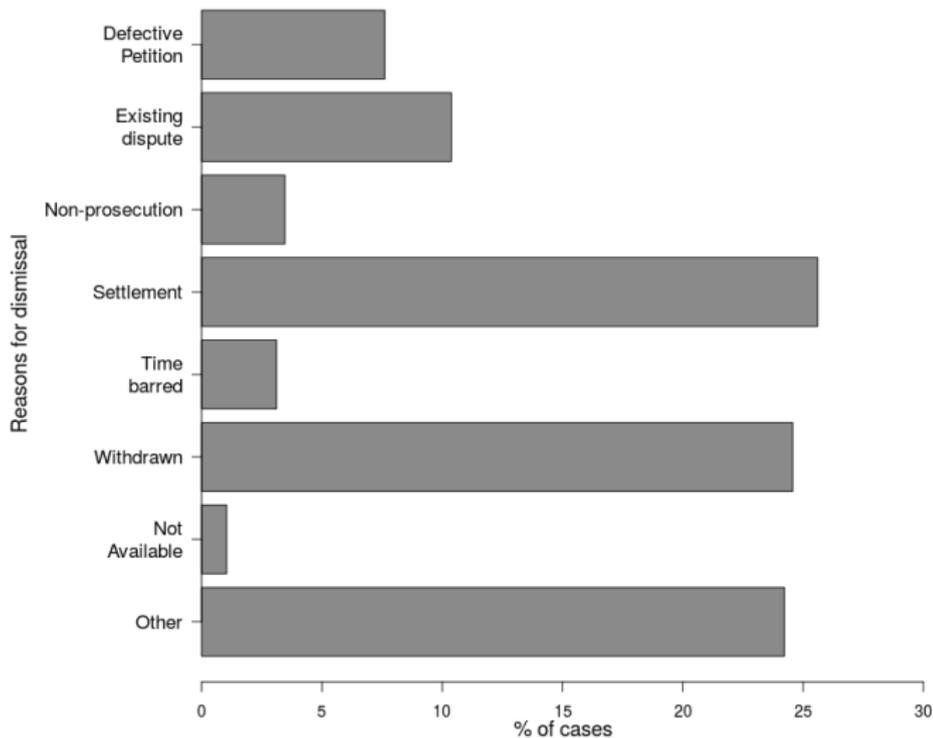
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2. Ordinance to disqualify certain categories of bidders:
  - 2.1 Wilful defaulters
  - 2.2 Guarantors of debtors in insolvency
  - 2.3 Persons whose account is classified as NPA for more than a year.
  - 2.4 Persons barred by SEBI from the securities markets.
  - 2.5 Persons connected to any of the above.

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### 3. Does IBC have a liquidation bias?

- ▶ By May 25, 2017, 75 debtors went into resolution.
- ▶ 13 have made public announcements for liquidation.
- ▶ Remaining 62?

### 4. Disclosures during insolvency process.

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- ▶ IPAs - conventional players: ICSI, ICAI and the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

## Output 3: Information Utilities

1. One Information Utility, National E-Governance Services Ltd., has been set up.
2. Conventional players have not shown interest.
  - ▶ Entry barriers of net-worth, restriction on foreign control and capping individual shareholding limits to 10%.

## Output 3: NCLT functioning

- ▶ Time for disposal of cases:

Average duration for disposal of cases

<b>Stages</b>	<b>No. of cases for which data is available</b>	<b>Average time taken (in calendar days)</b>
Date of filing-Date of date of first hearing	56	19
Date of first hearing-Date of final order	156	20
Date of filing-Date of final order	82	37

- ▶ Quality of rulings.
- ▶ Data gaps.

## Output 4: Integrity of the law

### 1. Minimal judicial intervention

- ▶ Cases where the NCLT has taken a view on the solvency of the debtor. Cases have been dismissed because:
  - ▶ Debtor could demand receivables from other counter-parties and fix the financial health of the company.
  - ▶ Debtor's balance sheet is healthy enough.
- ▶ SC, NCLT and NCLAT allowed settlement post admission.
- ▶ Jaypee Homebuyers case

### 2. Ordinance to placate concerns relating to bidding by promoters.

Thank you.