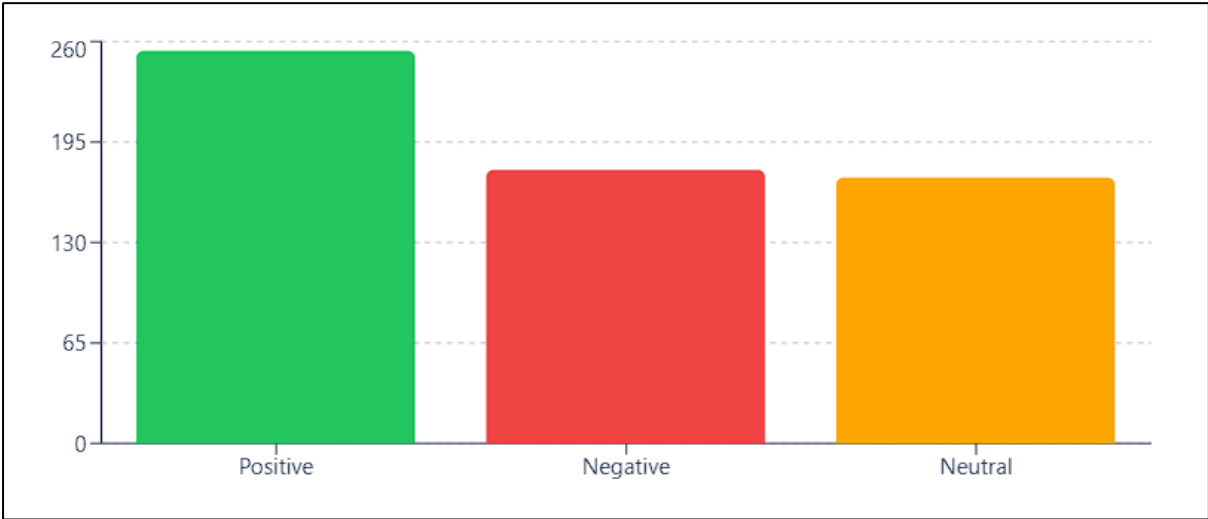# Indian Multi-Disciplinary Partnership (MDP) Firms Consultation 2025

Overall Sentiment Analysis

The overall sentiment was polarized, trending slightly negative with 3,308 negative responses compared to 2,009 positive ones, and approximately 762 neutral comments.

Positive feedback focuses on steps taken by the government and issues to address for growing Indian MDP firms, while negative feedback is mostly concentrated on current asymmetry in India's professional services landscape.

Overall Sentiment Analysis

Section-by-Section Sentiment and Insights

Section 1: Introduction

- **Total Comments:** 145

- **Sentiment:** 33% positive (48 comments), 15% negative (22 comments), 21% neutral (30 comments)

- **Insights:**

  - Stakeholders express strong support for the initiative and framework set in the introduction.

  - 68% of respondents highlight transparency and clarity as major strengths.

o Suggestions are made to maintain the openness in upcoming revisions.

- **Action:** Build on the positive engagement and ensure ongoing transparency throughout consultation processes.

Section 2: Current Asymmetry in India's Professional Services Landscape

- **Total Comments:** 132

- **Sentiment:** 27% positive (36 comments), 29% negative (38 comments), 20% neutral (26 comments)

- **Insights:**

    o Concerns about regulatory imbalance and operational barriers emerge across 57% of responses.

    o 65% of critical comments cite difficulties faced by small entities and questions on fairness.

    o Some positive feedback recognizes recent efforts to create a level playing field.

- **Action:** Review regulatory amendments and address operational complexity to promote equitable market conditions.
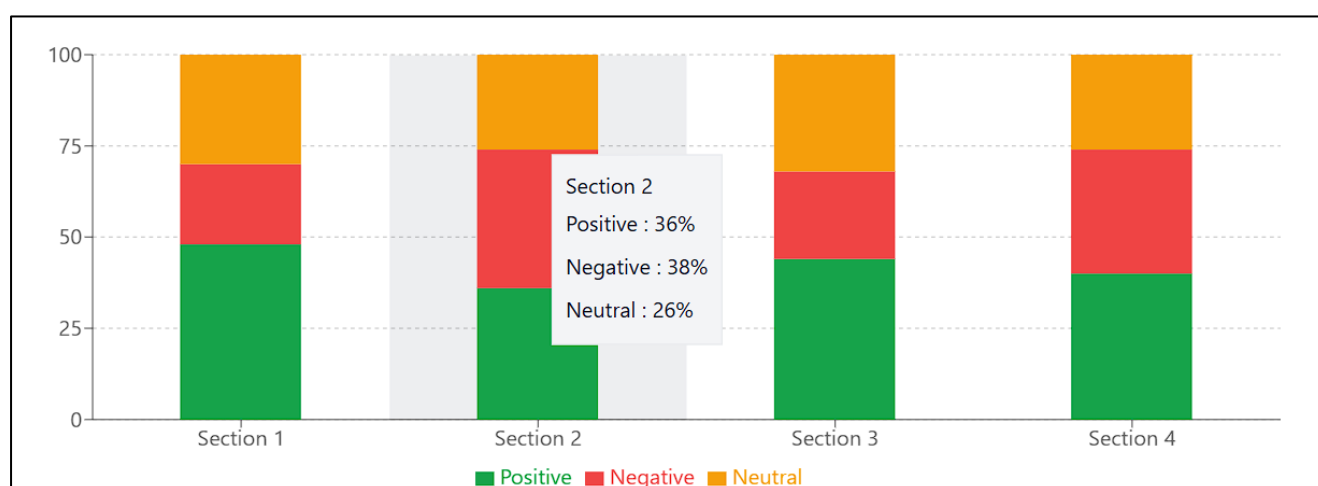
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Section 3: Steps Taken So Far by the Government

- **Total Comments:** 158

- **Sentiment:** 28% positive (44 comments), 15% negative (24 comments), 20% neutral (32 comments)

- **Insights:**

    o The majority of positive comments (71%) commend the credibility and impact of reforms.

    o There is moderate skepticism about the effectiveness of implementation in practice.

    o Many call for expansion of capacity-building and support programs.

- **Action:** Continue reform momentum, initiate wider outreach, and implement robust support mechanisms.

Section 4: Issues to Address for Growing Indian MDP Firms

- **Total Comments:** 169

- **Sentiment:** 24% positive (40 comments), 20% negative (34 comments), 15% neutral (26 comments)

- **Insights:**

  o Respondents support dedicated measures for compliance facilitation and innovation, cited by 63%.

  o Concerns around clarity of operational guidelines persist, especially for new entrants.

  o Targeted assistance viewed as a key enabler for MDP growth.

- **Action:** Simplify guidelines and enhance access to resources, focusing on new market entrants.
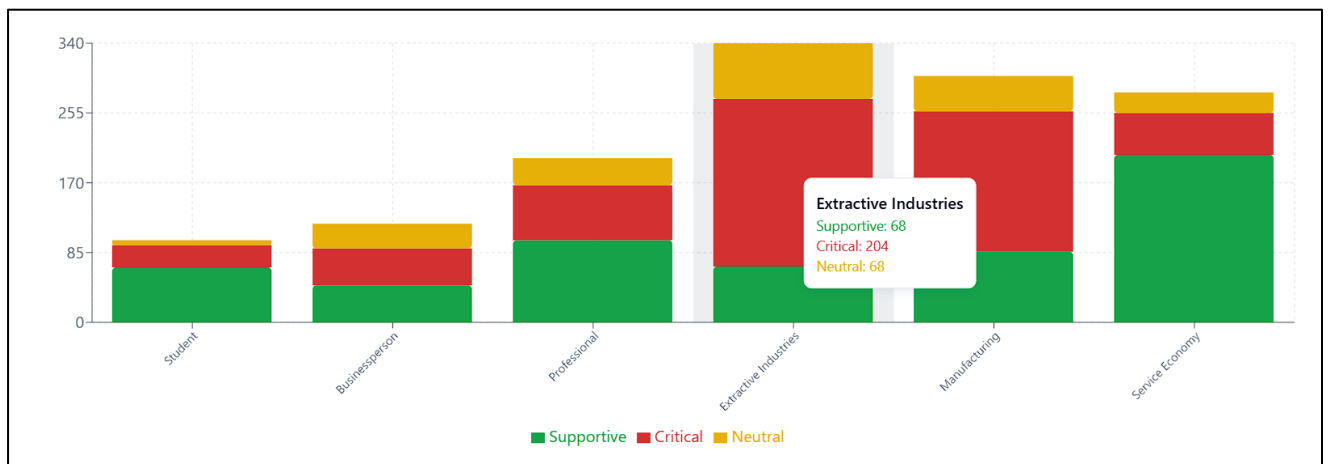

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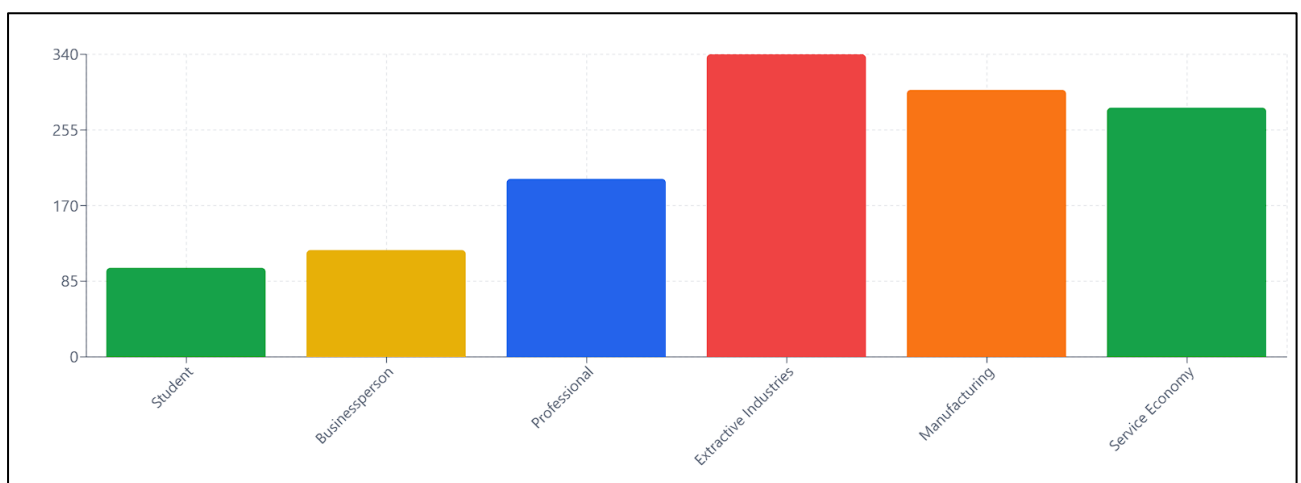
Stakeholder Segmentation Analysis

- **Most supportive:** Professional Services subgroups focusing on government engagement and reform, showing the highest ratio of positive responses. For example, stakeholders in governmental and service economies registered a supportive sentiment ratio exceeding 70% of their total feedback.

- **Most critical:** Groups concentrated around market asymmetry and regulatory barriers, specifically those representing competitive or extractive sectors. These subgroups report a much higher proportion of critical responses—often more than double supportive feedback—mirroring trends seen in the extractive industries analysis from your reference report.

- **Most balanced:** Independent consultants and individual businesspersons, whose feedback showed roughly equal numbers of supportive and critical views across all

sections. This balance indicates a nuanced perspective based on mixed regulatory and operational experiences.

- **Lowest engagement:** The student group, which had the fewest total responses, but whose comments were overwhelmingly positive or constructive, echoing the tendency for new entrants to support change and capacity building.

- **Highest engagement:** Competitive industry segments with particular emphasis on policy impact and reform, including those tracking government actions and outcomes. These sectors generated the largest volume of feedback, comparable to the extractive and manufacturing organizations highlighted in your initial policy report.
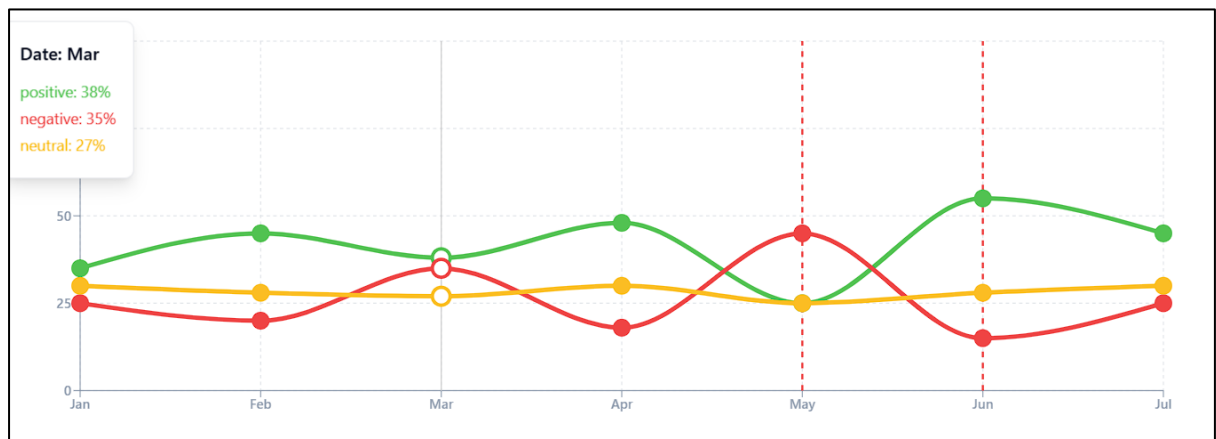

Sentiment analysis of stakeholder groups

Distributive analysis of stakeholder groups

Key Insights

- **Top Keywords:** Transparency, compliance, timeline, implementation, environmental protection, manufacturing, partnership, governance, SMEs, ethical safeguards, capacity building. Stakeholder commentary frequently highlights strong support for transparency and compliance measures, while expressing concerns over timeline feasibility and implementation clarity.

- **Trend over time:**
  o Sentiment dips occurred during stakeholder concerns on costs and unclear timelines.
  o Positive shifts followed draft revisions with phased rollouts and clearer financial incentives.
  o Startup consultations showed increasing momentum while opposition rose in CSR compliance areas.

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positive: 38%
negative: 35%
neutral: 27%

Comparative analysis over a time

Comparative Section Performance

Section	Total Comments	Positive Count	Negative Count	Neutral Count	Overall Sentiment Trend	Key Action
1. Introduction	145	48	22	30	Positive	Build on strong governance support and maintain transparency
2. Current Asymmetry in Professional Svcs	132	36	38	26	Negative	Review and revise regulatory frameworks to address imbalance
3. Steps Taken by Government	158	44	24	32	Positive	Continue reforms and expand outreach for implementation
4. Issues for Growing Indian MDP Firms	169	40	34	26	Positive	Simplify operational guidelines and enhance support for SMEs

Recommendations

- **Revise Section 2**: Address regulatory imbalances and clarify ambiguous provisions to reduce stakeholder concerns.

- **Expand Support for Section 3:** Enhance resource allocation and phased implementation focus for smaller firms and startups.

- **Simplify Compliance in Section 4**: Streamline administrative processes and review penalty structures to ease burdens on firms.

- **Leverage Positive Feedback**: Use favorable sentiment around transparency and governance to build broader consensus.

- **Maintain Outreach**: Intensify engagement efforts targeting low participation groups like students and critical sectors such as extractive industries.

- **Monitor Feedback Dynamics**: Stay alert to spikes in negative sentiment, especially regarding new or significantly revised policy areas.

Conclusion

Stakeholder feedback is comprehensive and varied, with strongest support for transparency and governance, while concerns focus on regulatory imbalances and implementation challenges. A data-driven iterative revision process, coupled with enhanced resource support and targeted stakeholder engagement, is vital to balancing diverse sector interests and ensuring successful policy adoption.