



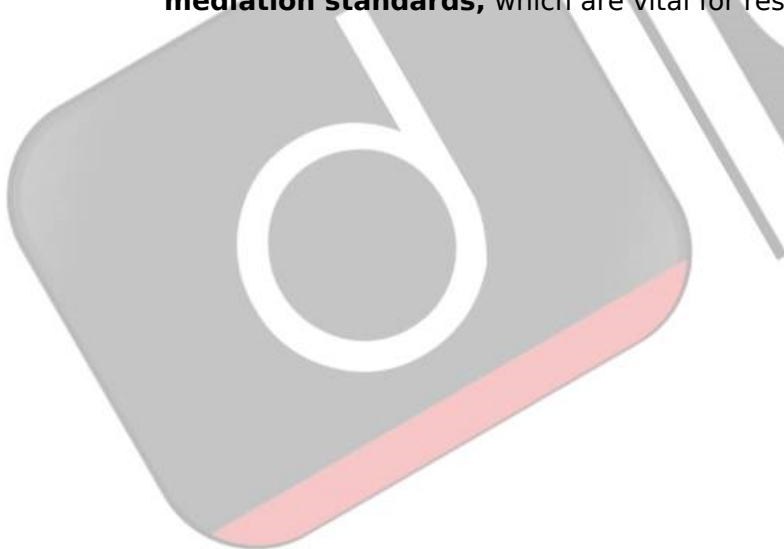
India's Mediation Act Lies Unused

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The delay in implementing the [Mediation Act, 2023](#) is hindering India's [alternative dispute redressal](#) (ADR) framework.

- A working committee chaired by **P.K. Malhotra** to draft the rules for the [Mediation Council of India](#) submitted its report. However, the government is yet to notify these rules.
- **Significance of Mediation Act, 2023:**
 - **Reducing Judicial Overload:** Nearly **76.98 million** civil dispute cases are **pending** in Indian courts. Of this, commercial suits account for **0.36%** and arbitration contributes **0.77%** which can be dealt under the **Mediation Act, 2023**.
 - **Family Matters:** It can help curb the "**third-generation curse**," where **less than 10%** of family businesses **survive** beyond the third generation due to disputes.
 - **Banking:** Helpful in resolving loan defaults and [non-performing assets \(NPAs\)](#) related disputes.
 - **Real Estate Sector:** Quicker resolution of disputes over **project delays and buyer-developer contracts**.
 - **Aligning with Global Standards:** It will help India aligning with **international mediation standards**, which are vital for resolving cross-border business disputes.

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