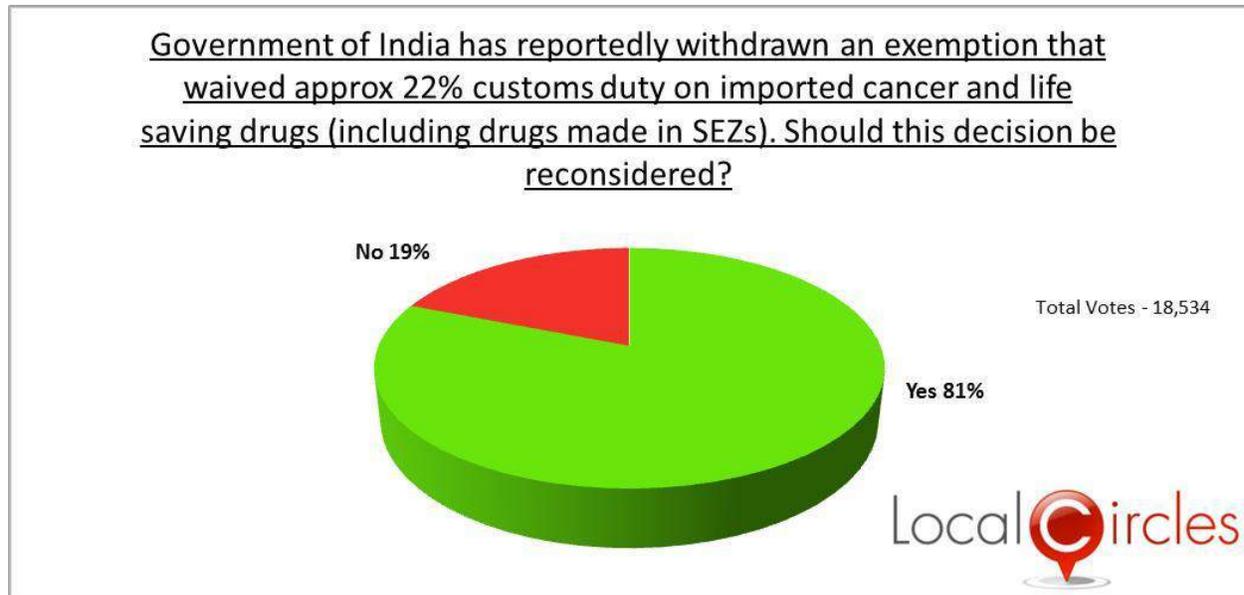


Improving Affordability of Life-Saving Medicines in India

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Some citizen inputs on what should be done to make life-saving medicines affordable in India:

1. The customs, excise, tax subsidies given on life-saving drugs should be maintained and if possible increased, not taken away
2. The patented and imported life-saving medicines need to be brought to India at a lower cost by country leadership level dialogue
3. Foreign healthcare companies holding patents can Make in India at a lower cost and price it in India based on affordability levels. Increased volumes from India will help them recover the R&D cost faster no/low demand from India at high prices
4. Government should encourage Indian companies to partner with healthcare companies holding the patent of these life-saving drugs and give them licenses to produce in India
5. Ministry of Health may also evaluate bulk buy options at the country level from the foreign patent holder health care companies at much lower prices. This can be a Government to Government sale like some defence equipment
6. Indian pharma manufacturers should invest more in research and development of life saving drugs
7. Ministry of Health, Government of India should promote and sponsor research by academics and corporates with certain conditions attached to it
8. Government of India should encourage the start-up entrepreneurs to set up pharmaceutical industries in the country by offering various concessions and do pointed research and development in the area of life saving drugs
9. The profit margin thresholds on life saving drugs should be decided by the Government
10. The process of filing and receiving a drug patent in India should be simplified and expedited.