

# Real estate sector backs RBI's status quo, expects calibrated easing to boost housing affordability

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The real estate sector has welcomed the Reserve Bank of India's decision to maintain status quo in its last policy announcement for the current fiscal, saying the decision provides much-needed policy stability at a time of global currency volatility and bond yield pressures.

In line with Street expectations, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), under Governor Sanjay Malhotra, unanimously retained a neutral policy stance and left all key interest rates unchanged, with the benchmark repo rate held at 5.25%. The central bank raised its FY26 GDP growth forecast to 7.4%, while the CPI inflation projection was kept at around 2.1%.

Prashant Sharma, President, NAREDCO Maharashtra, said the RBI's decision provides much-needed stability to the real estate sector at a time when growth expectations have strengthened following the Union Budget's push for higher government spending and improving external trade prospects after recent trade agreements. He noted that rising fiscal support and infrastructure-led development gaining momentum will help sustain housing demand and enable developers to plan investments with greater confidence.