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RBI Policy Expectations: Expert Views

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Rishabh Periwal, Sr. Vice President, Pioneer Urban Land and Infrastructure Ltd: "The RBI is expected to adopt a 'wait-and-watch' stance this August, holding rates steady at 5.25% to keep inflation in check amid supply-side spikes. Homebuyers hoping for immediate relief on their home loan EMIs might have to wait a little longer. While a cut would have given first time buyers an extra push right before the festive season, stable rates are still positive news – they eliminate the fear of rising borrowing costs. The market is driven by genuine end-user demand, and as long as interest rates don't climb, serious buyers will continue closing deals without second-guessing."

Varun Garg, Director, Karyan Group: "We expect the RBI to maintain the repo rate in its upcoming policy announcement, providing much-needed stability to the housing market. A status quo on interest rates will reinforce homebuyer confidence, especially among first-time buyers and end-users who have been closely tracking borrowing costs. Stable lending rates create a predictable environment for purchase decisions, supporting sustained demand in the residential real estate sector. In a market like Ghaziabad and the wider NCR, where affordability and financing remain key purchase drivers, policy continuity is likely to encourage fence-sitters to move ahead with their homebuying plans. At Karyan Group, we believe that steady monetary policy, coupled with improving infrastructure and positive consumer sentiment, will continue to support healthy momentum in the residential market over the coming quarters."

Sudeep Bhatt, Director–Strategy, Whiteland Corporation said, “With global headwinds and domestic inflations, we anticipate the RBI MPC will maintain a status quo on the benchmark repo rate at 5.25% during the upcoming meeting. A rate pause offers crucial predictability for developers and homebuyers, allowing project timelines and capital allocation strategies to proceed without rate shock. The ongoing momentum in the luxury and premium residential sectors remains resilient. Policy stability at this juncture reinforces long-term consumer sentiment, reassuring homebuyers that borrowing costs will remain anchored for foreseeable quarters.”