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“We appreciate RBI's move to cut down the repo rate and the ease in the stance of the policy from 'calibrated tightening' to 'neutral'; indicating the rates are unlikely to go up. Realty sector is much likely to get a boost now as the banks will be able to offer loans on a stable interest rate, attracting more buyers and investors in the sector. This has been a much-awaited decision and would prove to be in favour of the real estate sector,” said **Mr. Rahul Singla, Director, Mapsko Group.**

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), in addition to the announcement, has also changed its stance to neutral. It is after a period of 16 months that the RBI has reduced the rates; last reduction was announced in August 2017.

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