

# Govt. sops for real estate a booster dose, feels industry

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*Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Nirmala Sitharaman addressing a press conference, in New Delhi on September 14, 2019. The Minister of State for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Anurag Singh Thakur is also seen.*

**After the announcement today by Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman of establishing a corpus of Rs 10,000 cr for real estate projects as a special window and a further rebate for purchase of a house till March 31, 2020 the mood in the real estate industry is an upbeat one.**

## **Real estate honchos' reactions:**

**Manoj Gaur, MD, Gaur's Group & Chairman, Affordable Housing Committee, CREDITAI** Announcements by FM to boost housing sector is indeed welcome. Several mid-income and affordable housing projects which are witnessing slow progress due to lack of funds, will be expedited as the result of setting up of special window having a corpus of Rs 10,000 crore. It should help faster delivery of close to 3-3.5 dwelling units. The fact that the special window will be managed and monitored by professionals from housing and banking sector is another step in right direction. Also, govt decision to link housing building advance with yield on 10-year T-bill is likely to reduce effective interest rate for government employees, which should encourage them to buy new homes. Relaxation of ECB norms for affordable housing should also boost housing demand as the cost of funds will reduce for HFCs as a result of the move.