

Mail Today spoke to prominent Delhiites to gauge their reactions on Goyal's Budget

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THE move by the government to extend the tenure of registry of affordable housing by one year is another step to accelerate the affordable housing segment, thus boosting the real estate sector.



— **Kushagr Ansal**,
President, Confederation of Real Estate Developers Association of India, Haryana



THIS has been a fabulous budget and I compliment Piyush Goyal for a fantastic job. The FM has managed to do something for a large cross-section of society — the middle class, the farmers and workers in the unorganised sector. This is a people's budget that'll help the economy and lays down a vision for the next 10 years.

— **Ajay Singh**, Chairman and Managing Director, SpiceJet



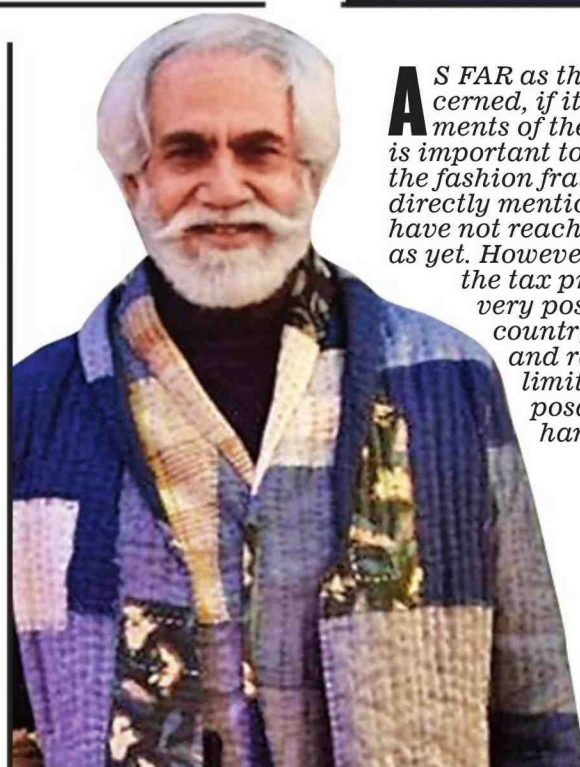
RAISING the taxation slab from ₹2.5 lakhs to ₹5 lakhs means greater disposable income and opportunities for women to save and invest in their future. Additionally, I am looking forward to the government creating more support for startups, the key engine driving job creation in this country.

— **Sairee Chahal**,
Founder-CEO, SHEROES,
a women's community platform

I WAS worried for my old age as my kids are young. I don't earn much but wanted to invest in something that could give me benefits post retirement. By contributing ₹100 per month, I'll be able to avail the facilities of assured monthly pension of ₹3000 under the PM's Shram Yogi Mandhan. Also, I am happy that my family in Bahraich, Uttar Pradesh, will be able to get electricity, free LPG connections and proper healthcare facilities.



— **Manoj Kumar**,
Cab driver



AS FAR as the budget is concerned, if it boosts the sentiments of the people, that is what is important to me. Unfortunately, the fashion fraternity is not being directly mentioned because we have not reached industry status as yet. However, the tax breaks and the tax proposals seem to be very positive. Also with the country's new tax breaks and raised exemption limit, there's a lot of disposable income in the hands of people.

— **Sunil Sethi**,
President, FDCI

IN the Interim Budget, there was high expectation for rural India, and the budget did not disappoint. With surplus production, the country should be assured in terms of agriculture output. The proposal to extend the interest subvention for farmers affected by natural calamities, for the entire period of rescheduling of their loans is timely.



— **Ajay S Shriram**,
Chairman and Sr. Managing Director, DCM Shriram Ltd

THE Union budget, although it appears to be good, has utterly neglected the trading community and thus disappointed the traders of the country.

— **Praveen Khandelwal**,
General Secretary,
Confederation of All India Traders



MUCH-needed doles provided in the Union budget are likely to drive consumption. This is a positive sign for the nation's restaurant sector. Single-window clearance for the domestic cinema sector manifests the ease of doing business. Why do we still require 15-odd licences to serve a sandwich?

— **AD Singh**, restaurateur



THE budget was well-balanced, covering all main areas. However, it lacked a few expected measures for the industry, such as higher tax exemptions for the middle class and small businesses, and the abolition of angel tax for start-ups.

— **Radhika Ghai**,
CBO and co-founder,
ShopClues,
an online marketplace



ACCORDING to the interim budget for 2019, it seems to be a relief for many people. If executed in a planned manner, a lot of people are likely to receive some financial relief. Everybody will gain something out of this budget.

— **Upasana Malik**,
Student of Journalism (Honours),
Indraprastha College for Women



THE Interim Budget 2019 will reduce mental stress for a large section of the country's population. It is a pro-poor and pro-middle-class budget. With measures such as tax rebate and health coverage for a majority, a great deal of stress will be reduced. Free health coverage is being continued for about 50 crore citizens under the Ayushman Bharat scheme.



— **Dr KK Aggarwal**,
President, India Medical Association

IAM not happy with the interim budget as the government appears to have ignored homemakers such as me. For the past few years, inflation has been a major issue but nothing has been done about it. I was expecting that prices for some basic commodities will be reduced or certain changes made in the saving policies. The only saving grace is raising the TDS exemption limit.

— **Kavita Chauhan**, Homemaker,
resident of Uttam Nagar

