

Macroeconomic Expectations Survey Report

April 2025

Findings of Cogencis Macroeconomic Expectations Survey — April 2025

Repo rate cut expected

Economists widely anticipate the Monetary Policy Committee to cut the repo rate by 25 basis points to 6% in its upcoming policy review on Apr 7-9, 2025. The rate cut, if happens, will be the second cut in two months under the leadership of Governor Sanjay Malhotra. While all 18 economists surveyed by NSE Cogencis foresee a rate cut in April, their views on the policy stance differ. 7 participants predict a shift in the policy stance to 'Accommodative', while 11 expect the MPC to retain its 'Neutral' stance for greater flexibility.

Q4 FY25 GDP growth set to rise

Economists expect GDP growth to improve further to 7% in Q4 FY25 after having recovered to 6.2% in Q3 FY25 from a 7-quarter low of 5.6% in Q2 FY25. The minimum growth projection by any survey participant for Q4 is 6.3%, while the maximum goes up to 7.6%.

The median growth projection for FY25 is 6.4%. This closely aligns with the NSO's Second Advance Estimate of 6.5% real GDP growth for FY25.

Key Highlights

- Economists unanimously expect 25 bps repo rate cut; but differ on policy stance change.
- Real GDP growth projected at 7% in Q4 FY25 and 6.4% for FY25.
- Economists expect inflation to remain under control in March 2025 - CPI estimated at 3.8% and Core CPI at 4.1%.
- WPI inflation projected to be range bound between 2.1-3.2% in March 2025.
- 10-year G-sec yield foreseen from 6.45% to 6.70% in April 2025, while USD/INR projections vary in a boarder band of 85.50 and 87.50.

INDICATOR	Q4 FY25			FY25		
	Min	Median	Max	Min	Median	Max
GDP at constant prices (%)	6.3	7.0	7.6	6.2	6.4	6.8
GVA at constant prices (%)	6.0	6.5	7.0	—	—	—

■ Inflation and Price Trends

Consumer price inflation declined to 3.6% in February 2025 from 4.3% in January 2025, backed by cooling food prices. Most economists expect it to remain below the MPC's 4% target in March 2025. The median inflation forecast for the month is 3.8%, with the minimum and maximum ranging from 3.2% to 4.7%. Economists expect core inflation to rise slightly but stay benign, with a median projection of 4.1% for March 2025.

Wholesale price inflation is projected between 2.1% and 3.2% in March 2025. The median projection, at 2.6%, is a shade higher than the 2.4% inflation observed in February 2025.

INDICATOR	Mar 2025		
	Min	Median	Max
CPI (%)	3.2	3.8	4.7
Core CPI (%)	3.5	4.1	4.3
WPI (%)	2.1	2.6	3.2



■ Market Indicators

10-year G-sec yield to soften

About 70% of the survey participants anticipate the 10-year G-sec yield to soften in April 2025 from its March 2025 closing of 6.58%. The projected yield range is from 6.45-6.70%, with the median estimate at 6.61%*.

Rupee to trade 85.5-87.5 in April

The USD/INR currency pair for April 2025 is forecast between 85.50 and 87.50. The median projection is 86.40. Notably, 10 of the 11 economists who shared their insights on this, anticipate the INR to depreciate below its March 2025 closing of 85.47*.

INDICATOR	Apr 2025		
	Min	Median	Max
USD/INR	85.50	86.40	87.50
10Y G-Sec Yield(%)	6.45	6.61	6.70

■ Outlook

The RBI's MPC is poised for another round of monetary easing as inflation falls below 4% and is widely expected to remain stable in the near term. The consensus among economists is building around a 25 basis points cut to 6%.

The RBI's announcement of OMOs worth INR.80,000 crore in April and improving banking liquidity have created a favourable environment for the MPC to shift its policy stance from 'Neutral' to 'Accommodative'. Factors like the recent return of capital inflows, arrest in Rupee depreciation as also a seasonal reduction in tax outgo and demand for money in Q1 FY26 are expected to aid the policy decision.

*The survey was conducted between Mar 20, 2025 and Apr 4, 2025.

Forecast for Policy Stance and Inflation

Organisation	Economist	Repo Rate	RBI Stances	CPI	Core CPI	WPI
		Apr' 25	Apr' 25	Mar' 25	Mar' 25	Apr' 25
Acuite Ratings	Milounee Purohit	6.00	Neutral	3.9	—	2.4
ANZ Banking Group	Dhiraj Nim	6.00	Neutral	3.2	4.1	—
Bank of Baroda	Madan Sabnavis / Sonal Badhan	6.00	Accommodative	3.4	4.1	2.9
Canara Bank	Dr Madhavankutty. G	6.00	Accommodative	3.8	3.9	2.5
CareEdge Rating	Sarbartho Mukherjee	6.00	Neutral	3.9	4.0	2.8
CRISIL	Dipti Deshpande	6.00	Neutral	—	—	—
Dun & Bradstreet	Kaushik Baidya	6.00	—	4.5*	—	—
DAM Capital	Radhika Piplani	6.00	Accommodative	—	—	—
Economic Intelligence Unit	Sumedha Dasgupta	6.00	Accommodative	—	—	—
Elara Securities	Garima Kapoor	6.00	Accommodative	4.0	4.2	2.5
HDFC Bank	Sakshi Gupta	6.00	Neutral	3.8	3.9	2.7
JSW Steel	Mangesh Soman	6.00	Neutral	3.5	4.0	2.1
Kotak Securities	Suvodeep Rakshit	6.00	Accommodative	3.8	4.3	2.7
L&T Finance	L&T Finance	6.00	Neutral	3.8	—	—
Motilal Oswal	Tanisha Ladha	6.00	Neutral	3.6	4.1	3.2
QuantEco Research	Shubhada Rao	6.00	Accommodative	3.7	—	2.5
STCI Primary Dealer	Aditya Vyas	6.00	Neutral	4.7	3.5	2.3
The South Indian Bank	Parnali Kshirsagar	6.00	Neutral	3.8	4.1	—
YES Bank	Indranil Pan	6.00	Neutral	3.5	4.3	2.6

*The Headline CPI and INR/USD projections by Dun & Bradstreet are for the calendar year 2025

Forecast for Macroeconomy

Organisation	Economist	GDP (QTR)	GDP (ANNUAL)	GVA	US\$/INR	10-Year Yield
		Q4 FY25	FY25	Q4 FY25	Apr' 25	Mar' 25
Acuite Ratings	Milounee Purohit	7.0	6.4	6.5	—	—
ANZ Banking Group	Dhiraj Nim	7.2	6.4	7.0	—	—
Bank of Baroda	Madan Sabnavis / Sonal Badhan	7.6	6.6	6.4	86.0	6.6
Canara Bank	Dr Madhavankutty. G	7.5	6.8	6.7	86.4	6.6
CareEdge Rating	Sarbartho Mukherjee	7.0	6.4	7.0	—	—
CRISIL	Dipti Deshpande	—	—	—	—	—
Dun & Bradstreet	Kaushik Baidya	—	—	—	87.0*	—
DAM Capital	Radhika Piplani	—	6.5	—	86.5	6.6
Economic Intelligence Unit	Sumedha Dasgupta	6.9	6.4	6.0	—	—
Elara Securities	Garima Kapoor	7.0	6.5	6.8	87.0	6.7
HDFC Bank	Sakshi Gupta	6.9	6.3	6.8	86.5	6.6
JSW Steel	Mangesh Soman	6.6	6.4	6.4	87.5	6.5
Kotak Securities	Suvodeep Rakshit	7.6	6.5	6.8	86.0	6.6
L&T Finance	L&T Finance	6.4	6.2	6.4	—	—
Motilal Oswal	Tanisha Ladha	6.3	6.2	6.2	85.7	—
QuantEco Research	Shubhada Rao	7.6	—	6.8	—	—
STCI Primary Dealer	Aditya Vyas	6.6	6.4	6.2	85.5	6.4
The South Indian Bank	Parnali Kshirsagar	—	—	—	85.50-85.75	6.5
YES Bank	Indranil Pan	6.6	6.2	6.4	87.0	6.5

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