

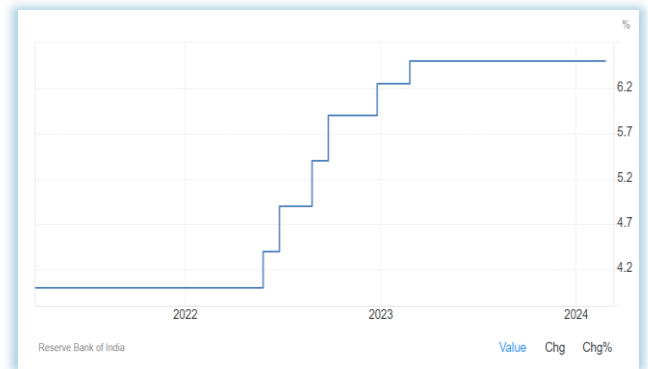
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RBI MONETARY POLICY MEETING PREVIEW - April 03rd to 05th 2024

RECAP

- ✓ On expected lines, MPC decided to keep repo rate unchanged at 6.50%.
- ✓ MPC also voted by 5 votes to 1 to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation progressively aligns to the target, while supporting growth.
- ✓ The stance indicates that the MPC is not yet ready to lower the guard against the retail inflation at least until the inflation numbers align with the medium-term target of 4.00%.
- ✓ On the projections, FY25 GDP growth pegged at 7.00%, while FY25 CPI inflation forecast retained at 4.5%.
- ✓ The RBI also added that the Rupee's stability despite strong dollar and elevated US Treasury yields reflects the strength and stability of the Indian economy.

India's Repo Rate



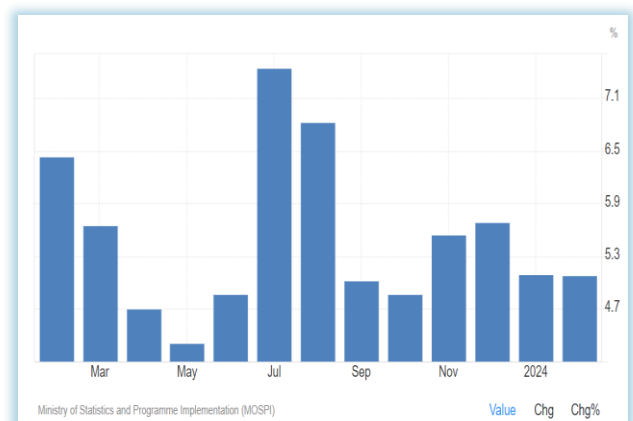
Source: Refinitiv

OUTLOOK

SCENARIO 1 (MOST LIKELY)

- ✓ The RBI's MPC meeting will begin tomorrow with the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das disclosing its decision on the repo rate on the morning of April 05th.
- ✓ The market and we expect that the central bank will maintain the repo rate unchanged at 6.50%.
- ✓ The central bank will maintain its current approach, aiming to align India's inflation with its target following the recent dovish stance of the US Federal Reserve.
- ✓ The RBI could also revise the GDP and inflation projections.
- ✓ **The Rupee could continue remain range bound.**
- ✓ **The inflation and GDP projections could be a key driver for the Rupee in the short term.**

India's CPI



Source: Refinitiv

SCENARIO 2(UNLIKELY and WILL SURPRISE MARKETS)

- ✓ **It is very unlikely that RBI's MPC will change its accommodative stance and cut by 25-bps.**
- ✓ But if happens It will be a surprise to the markets.
- ✓ There will be an increase in volatility in the domestic currency markets.

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Technical Outlook: USDINR (Daily time frame)



Source: Tradingview.com

- ✓ As seen in the above chart, the outlook is positive in the USDINR pair.
- ✓ Having said that, we don't rule out the possibility of a correction from here.
- ✓ The RSI, momentum indicator, around 60, is signalling a strong undertone.
- ✓ The long term 100 days simple moving average is hovering around 83.10 (considered as strong support).
- ✓ For now, a strong floor lies around 83.10 and cap is around 83.50.
- ✓ Considering the chart structure, we recommend going long on every dip in the pair.

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