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THE HINDU BusinessLine

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This was stated by Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, on the sidelines of a conference organised by the **Public Affairs Forum of India**.

He was responding to reporters' queries around the US Fed decision to hold interest rates unchanged due to the recent global developments, especially in China.

"I have always been maintaining that we have a favourable environment (for policy rate cuts). It is for the RBI Governor Rajan to decide for himself after balancing out the latest developments," Sinha told reporters.

He was responding to a query as to whether RBI should advance its monetary policy action and not wait till September 29 now that the US Fed decision is in place.



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Jayant Sinha, Minister of State for Finance, with Rajiv Kumar, senior fellow at Centre for Policy Research, at the national conference on "Public Affairs: Managing and Engaging Stakeholders" at IHC in New Delhi Friday. PTI

'Seek concessions that will benefit the industry as a whole, not individual firms alone'

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 18:

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Also, rather than seeking fiscal concessions that would benefit a particular company, public affairs professionals should bring forward proposals at an industry level, he said.



“We are all ears for proposals that advance national interest. Proposals that seek fiscal concessions for one company are difficult to handle for us. We cannot act for any single company,” he said, advising industry not to be “narrow minded” or focused on parochial interests.

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Governance reforms

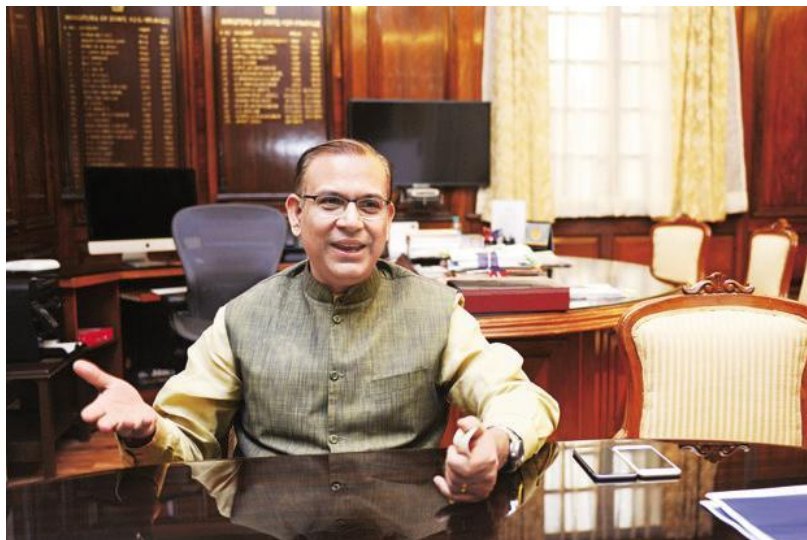
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Later, Kevin Bell, Global Practice Chair for Public Affairs, Burson-Marsteller, UK said, “It was heartening to hear the minister engaging with business and determined to do the best for the people.

“It did remind me of the ministers in UK and other parts of the world who are realising that the prosperity of people depends on the growth in business of the country.”

(This article was published on September 18, 2015)



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[Saurabh Kumar](#)[Shreya Punj](#)

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“Bring proposals for projects that will create jobs, increase the government’s tax revenue and improve global competitiveness,” he said.

Sinha was delivering the inaugural address at a national meet organized by the Public Affairs Forum of India, which has representation from large- and medium-sized Indian and foreign companies, on Friday. The finance ministry started the budget-making process in August, a month in advance.

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Emphasizing that solutions that are introduced by the government should be robust and self-correcting, Sinha said it is easy to fix issues with decisive interventions but it is important that these are process driven and bottom-up. The proposals should be in sync with the policy front, he added.

In the banking sector, the government had initiated a set of reforms under the Indradhanush plan, which was a bottom-up and process-driven way of fixing problems over time, Sinha pointed out.

As part of Indradhanush, the government has unveiled an action plan to revamp public sector banks, offering management teams the promise of performance incentives, including employee stock options, and introducing a policy under which each lender will be monitored on key performance parameters.

In what could give industry some comfort, Sinha said his ministry is trying to look at each case and added that there are no “locked cupboards”. “We are open and responsive,” he said.



FIRSTPOST.

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almost a decade, stemming outflows from emerging economies. Minister of State for Finance Jayant Sinha said central banks globally tend to take a data-driven approach towards their monetary policies. "We are in a favourable environment now. Obviously, all of these have to be balanced and RBI has to take its decisions," he said on the sidelines of a **PAFI event** here. He was asked if there was a case for RBI to cut interest rates before its scheduled monetary policy review on September 29. "Let us see how Governor (Raghuram) Rajan and RBI process all of these factors and decide for themselves which course monetary policy should take," he said. RBI has cut interest rate by 0.75 per cent this year in three tranches. It refrained from reducing the rate further in the last bi-monthly monetary policy in August. Since then, consumer as well as wholesale price inflation have dived to record lows in August on falling global commodity prices. Sinha said, "The global economy right now is trying to find a balance between slowdown in the second-largest economy, which is China, and growth picking up in the largest economy, which is US." A slow growing China and a reasonably well US economy is bringing volatility and turbulence in the markets, he said while commenting on yesterday's decision of the US Fed. "I think the statements from (US Fed) Chairman (Janet) Yellen indicated that she believes and the Fed believes that it is going to take some time for these adjustments to happen, for asset prices and financial markets to deal with this new reality. And once that settles down, I think the Fed will have clearer sort of picture as to what they need to do," he said. And this was the reason for the cautious approach of the US Fed, he said. "On balance, while they see a pick-up in growth and other factors -- the US economy is doing rather well -- they also recognise the slowdown in China and the impact that has on asset prices. Financial markets around the world are required at this stage to take a more cautious stance," he said. Sinha said the US Federal Reserve will meet twice before the end of this year -- once in October and then in December, and India will have to wait and see how the Fed assesses the global factors. "With respect to India, we will continue to do what we are doing, which is to strengthen our real economy to ensure we follow robust policies, and as far as monetary policy is concerned, Governor (Raghuram) Rajan and RBI will make appropriate decisions," he said.



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Sinha asks industry to refrain from seeking concessions

Minister of state for finance Jayant Sinha on Friday asked the corporates to refrain from seeking concessions and suggested that they should rather come up with proposals to increase tax revenues. "Very often we see proposals coming in where people say give us this concession, give us a free pass... In a situation where we had a high fiscal deficit, tax to GDP is far below... our debt to GDP is such that we have to exercise fiscal discipline," Sinha said at an event organised by **Public Affairs Forum of India (PAFI)**. He urged the corporates to refrain from seeking such concessions, which benefit a few, and instead come up with proposals which aid the industry as a whole. "My suggestion to you all is, please bring a proposal which is going to increase tax revenues, not decrease tax revenues. Those which are going to decrease tax revenue, that require fiscal concessions are very very difficult for us to accommodate. We need to increase tax revenues," Sinha said.

He also suggested to bring forward practical solutions to deal with problems.

"If your proposal comes in saying give me a fiscal concession and it is going to cost the government money and really what you are saying is transfer money from people's pocket to my pocket. Those proposals are very very difficult for us to act on," he said. Sinha said the government is taking actions to ensure that decisions are taken in national interest and hence it adopted a bottom-up approach in solving the banking sector woes. "It is easy to fix somethings with a sort of decisive intervention, but since we are operating in a national interest, a decisive intervention from the top is not necessarily in national interest," he added. He said that in the banking sector the government has embarked on a comprehensive set of reforms through the Indradhanush roadmap, which is a bottom-up approach, a process driven way and would fix problems overtime.