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NBFCs heave a sigh of relief

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The crisis-ridden NBFCs have welcomed the liquidity-boosting measures announced in the Budget, saying the steps will help get growth funds for the sector.

"The bank capitalisation, credit guarantee for highrated asset pools and easing of the reserve requirements in public issue of debentures will further enable flow of liquidity to well-performing NBFCs with strong balance sheets," Tata Capital MD Rajiv Sabharwal said.

Bajaj Finserv's Sanjiv Bajaj said there is support on the liquidity side on temporarily basis to NBFCs. "I hope this becomes a more long-term support like the banks are given by the RBI, because NBFCs play a very key role, given the consumer and MSME demand," he said.

Muthoot Finance MD George Alexander Muthoot said the credit guarantee scheme will further open up the liquidity line for sound NBFCs.

Reliance Home Finance's Ravindra Sudhalkar said the move to shift regulation of housing finance companies to the RBI will infuse greater stability and provide policy support to addressing issues of lack of liquidity.