

Senior citizens to get 8% interest on 10 year deposits up to Rs. 7.5 lakh

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New Delhi, December 31, 2016: Increased interest rate for seniors

In order to protect senior citizens from any decline in interest rates, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday (December 31, 2016) said they will get a fixed 8 per cent return on 10-year bank deposits of up to Rs. 7.5 lakh. Senior citizens (60 years and above) will get monthly interest under this scheme, Modi said in his address to the nation on the eve of the New Year. “We are initiating a scheme for senior citizens. Banks often reduce their deposit rates when they receive a large volume of money. This should not adversely impact senior citizens. Under the scheme, senior citizens will receive a fixed interest rate of 8 per cent for a period of 10 years, on deposits up to Rs. 7.5 lakh. The interest will be paid monthly,” Modi said. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley termed it “great news” for senior citizens.

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