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## **RBI launches Quarterly Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey: January-March 2018 (Round 41)**

The Reserve Bank of India has launched the [41<sup>st</sup> round](#) of its Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS). The survey is for the reference period January-March 2018 (Q4:2017-18).

The Reserve Bank has been conducting the Order Books, Inventories and Capacity Utilisation Survey (OBICUS) of the manufacturing sector on a quarterly basis since 2008. The information collected in the survey includes quantitative data on new orders received during the reference quarter, backlog of orders at the beginning of the quarter, pending orders at the end of the quarter, total inventories with a breakup between work-in-progress (WiP) and finished goods (FG) inventories at the end of the quarter and item-wise production in terms of quantity and value during the quarter *vis-à-vis* the installed capacity from the targeted group. The level of capacity utilisation (CU) is estimated from these responses. The survey provides valuable input for monetary policy formulation.

The survey findings are released on the website of the bank regularly. The latest results pertaining to the quarter October – December 2017 were released on [April 05, 2018](#).

During this quarter, selected manufacturing companies will be approached by the Bank. Other manufacturing companies may also participate in the survey by downloading the survey questionnaire from the Reserve Bank's website <https://www.rbi.org.in>. The [survey questionnaire](#) is placed under the head '[Forms](#)' (available under the 'More Links' at the bottom of the home page) and sub-head '[Survey](#)'. The duly authenticated filled-in survey schedule may be e-mailed or faxed as per contact details provided in the survey schedule.

Company level data are treated as confidential and never disclosed.

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