

Experts' take on Vodafone ruling

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Supreme Court's [Vodafone](#) verdict against the tax department was cheered and welcomed by legal and tax experts. Giving their preliminary reaction, the experts were unanimous that it will improve the investment environment of the country and may also attract more foreign investment.

Nishith Desai, Founding Partner, Nishith Desai Associates: It as a victory for the Indian judicial system. The verdict is a big relief for the foreign as well as Indian investors. We will see lot more mergers, acquisitions and foreign direct investment flowing into India.

Amrish Shah, Transaction Tax Leader, E&Y: All the past deals which were being probed by the tax office will now get done with. I think that the tax office will now try and pre-pone the indirect tax transfer concept that was there in the [direct tax code](#), probably in the coming budget itself.

Cyril Shroff, Founding Partner, Amarchand Mangaldas: The judgement would boost the investment climate of the country. Hopefully it will draw the line that facilitates a legitimate tax and investment structuring. This verdict should put a full stop on the [IT Department](#) trying to chase similar such deals.

Mukesh Butani, Founding Partner, BMR Advisors: Vodafone verdict will have an impact on other such cases which are currently being investigated by the tax authorities. The ruling has provided a clarity on M&As as the uncertainty on tax issue has gone.

Prakash Chandra, Former CBDT Chairman: The verdict is a setback for the tax department. It will affect the department in meeting its DTC target. At present the verdict brings clarity on the issue but SC has said that in future legislative changes can be made.