

U.P. govt spends 33.54% of annual budget in first six months of 2022-23

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LUCKNOW: The Uttar Pradesh government on Thursday claimed its tax collections and expenditure have gone up in the first six months of 2022-23. It earned tax revenue of ₹83,996.99 crore in the first six months of 2022-23 (April 1, to September 30, 2022). Its collections were 76.2% of the six-month target of ₹1,10,229.31 crore and 38.1% of the annual target of ₹2,20,655.00 crore.

The state government spent ₹2,06,754.34 lakh crore during the same six-month period. Its expenditure is 33.54% of the annual budget (about ₹6.15 lakh crore) for 2022-2023. It had spent ₹1,77,918.13 lakh crore during the same six-month period in 2021-22.

“We have witnessed an increase in revenue earnings due to strengthening of economic activities in the state. An adverse impact of Covid-19 was witnessed on the state’s economy

46.55%, panchayati raj department 40.39%, medical and family welfare department 38.12%, transport 46.89%, information 77.19%, stamps and registration 41.11%, basic education 30.90% and secondary education 39.70%.

Khanna said the non-tax revenue collection in the first six months of 2022-23 was ₹5,318.90 crore, about 48.3% of the target of ₹11,017.91 crore for the period. He said the state government earned a total revenue of ₹14,661.89 crore in September 2022, an increase of ₹3123.73 crore against total earnings of ₹11,538.16 crore in the same month in 2021. This includes an increase of ₹2422.90 crore from VAT (Value Added Tax) in September 2022.

Khanna said another reason for higher VAT collections may be a rise in consumption of diesel by farmers due to deficit rainfall this monsoon. He said the state government collected ₹2536.38 crore from excise in September 2022. This was 86% of the target for the month and ₹23.47 crore less than collections of ₹2559.85 crore in the same month in 2021.