

# “No GST Compensation Due, Will go by Council Decisions”

**Suresh Khanna**, Finance Minister, Uttar Pradesh

**B**haratiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled Uttar Pradesh goes to polls in March next year. State Finance Minister Suresh Khanna says during a select media interaction virtually they are not facing any shortage of funds in the year disrupted by the second wave of the contagion.

## **On pending GST compensation for FY21**

Uttar Pradesh does not have any pendency whatsoever. We have received ₹7,229 crore as GST compensation and ₹6,009 crore as part of the debt raised to meet the deficit. With that, no amount is pending on account of

GST to Uttar Pradesh from the Centre.

## **On extension of compensation period, other GST issues**

We will go by the decision taken by the council on all issues related to GST.

## **On revenue augmentation amid Covid**

The state hasn't increased VAT to raise revenue to help fight the pandemic. VAT on petrol is ₹26.80 and on diesel is ₹17.48, lower than Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Chhattisgarh. We believe in improving our infrastructure rather than raising taxes.