

Centre seeks House nod for Rs 1.87 lakh cr additional spending in FY22

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Centre Tuesday sought Parliament nod for an additional Rs 1.87 lakh crore spending of which a substantial chunk will go towards transfer to states for shortfall in the goods and services tax compensation cess.

Of this Rs 1.87 lakh crore, the actual cash outgo will be Rs 23,674.81 crore and the remaining will be met through savings.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the demands for grants on the table.

An amount of Rs 17,000 crore for the health ministry, Rs 1.59 lakh crore would be transferred to states as back-to-back loan in lieu of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation shortfall. However, this will not entail any cash outgo.

"As the back-to-back loan are to be met from equivalent capital receipts, the ... expenditure will not entail any additional cash outgo," the supplementary demands for grants said.

To meet the various Covid-related and other health preparedness, Rs 16,463 crore extra spending has been earmarked for the department of health and family welfare.

An extra Rs 526 crore has been given to the department of health research for emergency epidemic preparedness and response.

Approval for Rs 2,050 crore was sought for Ministry of Civil Aviation (MCA) which includes Rs 1,872 crore towards loans and advances to Air India for recoupment of advance from Contingency Fund of India.

The cash outgo also includes Rs 1,100 crore for Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution towards providing assistance to sugar mills for 2019-20 sugar season.

The additional spending is over and above the total expenditure of Rs 34.83 lakh crore projected in the Union Budget for 2021-22 by the finance minister.