

Direct tax collection rises 22.5% till Aug 11

At ₹4.47 trn, personal income-tax mopup outpaced corporation tax

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India's net direct tax collection, with refunds adjusted, grew 22.5 per cent to ₹6.93 trillion between April 1 and August 11 of FY25.

In the same period last year, tax collection was at ₹5.65 trillion, according to the Income-Tax (I-T) Department's latest data released on Monday. Of the tax mopup, personal income-tax (PIT) outpaced corporation tax. PIT stood at ₹4.47 trillion (net) as against ₹3.44 trillion in the same period a year ago.

Corporation tax reported at ₹2.2 trillion, an increase of 5.7 per cent, which is lower than the growth rate of 12 per cent set for this financial year. Direct taxes comprise PIT and corporation tax. Securities transaction tax, part of PIT, has jumped to ₹21,599 crore from ₹10,234 crore in the same period a year ago. This could be attributed to changes in tax rates and increase in stock-market trading.

Gross collection (before refunds) stood at ₹8.13 trillion, marking a 23.99 per cent rise from the previous financial year, according to the tax department. The government has issued direct tax refunds of ₹1.20 trillion till



TAX KITTY Direct tax mop-up as on August 11 (in ₹ cr)

	Corporate tax	Personal income tax	Securities transaction tax	Others*	Total	Y-o-Y% growth
Gross collection	3,08,061	4,81,876	21,599	1,634	8,13,170	23.99
Refunds	85,619	34,546	-	17	1,20,183	33.49
Net collection	2,22,442	4,47,329	21,599	1,617	6,92,987	22.48

*Others include equalisation levy, fringe benefit tax, wealth tax, banking cash transaction tax, hotel receipt tax, interest tax, expenditure tax, estate duty and gift tax
Source: Finance ministry

August 11. That is an increase of 33.49 per cent over the ₹90,028 crore in the corresponding period in FY24.

The Centre aims to raise gross tax revenue of ₹38.40 trillion in FY25, according to the Budget. The Budget set a target of ₹22.07 trillion from direct taxes and ₹16.33 trillion from

indirect taxes. The government collected ₹19.58 trillion as net direct tax in FY24. That is 17.1 per cent more than in the previous financial year.

Collection exceeded the estimates by ₹13,000 crore. In FY23, direct tax collection was ₹16.64 trillion and ₹14.08 trillion in FY22.