

# Single tax return form under GST by Dec: Adhia



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**NEW DELHI:** A simple reworked form for filing Goods and Services Tax (GST) returns may come by December, finance secretary Hasmukh Adhia said in an interview to Mint, explaining plans to fine tune the year-old system that subsumed a plethora of indirect taxes and levies to create a unified market.

The system, which was launched to a rocky start on July 1 last year, has stabilised faster

than expected, the secretary said. "I think GST has stabilised faster than we had thought and even when compared to other countries. The experience of other countries has not been that good with Malaysia being forced to shelve GST after three years."

A simpler form is part of "two priorities" the government has identified as the next phase of changes to the GST. "The second priority is to make changes in the law essential for improving the taxpayer experience," he said.

Adhia, however, added that there is not "no major scope for tax reduction as revenues have still not stabilised". **»P19**