

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3038**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025

**INTERNSHIP SCHEME**

3038. DR. KALPANA SAINI:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received the internship scheme run by the Ministry, if so, the number of beneficiaries associated with it so far, the State-wise details thereof;
- (b) the budgetary allocation for the said scheme so far and the amount that has actually been spent; and
- (c) the ratio of participants from rural and urban areas under the said scheme, whether Government is taking any special step to increase the participation of rural women, the State-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (c) The Internship Programme of the Ministry aims to provide awareness and sensitization to interns on Ministry's schemes and programmes. Women students, scholars, social activists and teachers in age group 21-40 years, who are enrolled in/associated with university/ academic/ non-academic institution are eligible for the internship programme. The guidelines of internship programme have been revised in 2024. As per the revised guidelines, the internship programme is offered in four batches throughout a financial year: May-June, August-September, November-December and February-March. Each batch is of two months duration and up to 20 interns are engaged in each batch. Adequate representation from rural-urban is ensured so as to maintain diversity in each batch.

There is no separate budgetary allocation for Internship Programme of the Ministry. Expenses for Internship Programme are booked in Gender Budgeting & Research scheme under Samarthya component of Mission Shakti. Rs.83.04 lakhs and Rs.51.98 lakhs have been spent in the programme in FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 (till date) respectively.

State-wise distribution of interns from May-June batch of FY 2023-24 to Feb-March batch of FY 2024-25 is as under:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Urban</b>	<b>Total</b>
1	Andaman & Nicobar	0	1	1
2	Andhra Pradesh	1	3	4
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	1
4	Assam	7	8	15
5	Bihar	16	9	25
6	Chandigarh	0	3	3
7	Chhattisgarh	3	1	4
8	Goa	1	0	1
9	Gujarat	2	4	6
10	Haryana	16	12	28
11	Himachal Pradesh	1	1	2
12	Jammu & Kashmir	4	1	5
13	Jharkhand	1	4	5
14	Karnataka	0	1	1
15	Kerala	19	7	26
16	Ladakh	1	0	1
17	Madhya Pradesh	8	9	17
18	Maharashtra	5	4	9
19	Manipur	1	1	2
20	Odisha	5	9	14
21	Punjab	0	4	4
22	Rajasthan	6	12	18
23	Tamil Nadu	0	2	2
24	Telangana	1	0	1
25	Tripura	2	0	2
26	Uttar Pradesh	32	43	75
27	Uttarakhand	4	5	9
28	West Bengal	3	5	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>140</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>289</b>

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