

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 243*
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY THE 12TH AUGUST, 2025

PRIME MINISTER'S INTERNSHIP SCHEME

QUESTION

243*. Shri Randeep Singh Surjewal:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of students enrolled or placed under Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) in the last three years, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the uptake of the scheme has remained below expectations, if so, the reasons identified for the same including relocation issues, stipend adequacy and mismatch in job roles;
- (c) the total target for internship placements under PMIS in financial year 2025–26 and the roadmap to achieve the 10 million internship target in the next five years; and
- (d) the total budgetary allocation and expenditure under the scheme since inception, including the provision for financial year 2025–26

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

[SRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN]

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 243* TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025 REGARDING
'PRIME MINISTER'S INTERNSHIP SCHEME'

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) was announced in the Budget 2024-25. It aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. As an initiation to this Scheme, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched a Pilot Project of the Scheme on 3rd October, 2024, which is targeted to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth in a year.

The total number of candidates who have completed their profiles and registration process under PMIS Pilot Project is over 3.38 lakh in round I and 3.46 lakh in round II of the PMIS pilot project. State wise list of candidates who have completed their profiles and registration process in round I and round II of the pilot project is enclosed at Annexure-I.

In the round I of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, the partner companies posted more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities on the PMIS Portal across the country. Against this, more than 6.21 lakh applications were received from about 1.81 lakh candidates. Partner companies made over 82,000 internship offers to over 60,000 candidates, out of which more than 28,000 candidates accepted offers to join the internship, and over 8700 candidates joined their internship.

In the round II of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, which commenced on 9th January, 2025, about 327 Partner Companies have posted over 1.18 lakh internship opportunities (new and edited unfilled opportunities of previous round) across the country. Over 4.55 lakh applications were received from over 2.14 lakh applicants, in this round. As on 07.08.2025, partner companies have made over 79000 offers to the youth and over 23500 offers have been accepted. Currently, rolling out of offers and the process of acceptances/ joining by interns is in progress.

State wise list of candidates who have accepted offers during the round I of the Pilot Project is enclosed at Annexure-II.

On the basis of concurrent evaluation and feedback survey carried out by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, outbound calls made by the call center to the candidates and feedback received from various stakeholders, such as candidates, industry & industry associations and state governments, the following reasons for low acceptance / joining are observed:

- Location is an important consideration and ideal travel distance indicated by candidates is between 5-10 km.
- Internship period of 12 months is longer than that in normal skilling programs.
- Some candidates are not interested in roles offered.
- Age relaxation was requested.

(c): The Prime Minister Internship Scheme, announced in the Budget 2024-25, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in five years. A Pilot Project of the Scheme has been launched on 3rd October, 2024, which is targeted to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth in a year. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) is actively working with various stakeholders such as state governments, central government ministries & departments, and industry associations for promotion and implementation of the scheme.

Further, MCA is actively collaborating with State Governments to carry out extensive Information, Education and Communication activities, including workshops, seminars, and promotional campaigns

- both online and on-ground to amplify program visibility and to reach out to the target groups in the states.

Pilot Project is a pivotal phase that has allowed for testing concepts, strategies and systems before a full-scale implementation. The full-scale roll-out of the PM Internship Scheme would be based on the feedback received from the stakeholder consultations and evaluation of outcomes during the implementation of the Pilot Project.

(d): In the Budget Estimate of FY 2024-25, an amount of Rs. 2000 crores was allocated to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, for the FY 2024-25 for PM Internship Scheme. For the Pilot Project of the PM Internship Scheme, targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth, an amount of Rs. 840 crore was approved. Revised Estimate was arrived at Rs. 380 crores in the FY 2024-25.

For the FY 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 10831.07 crore has been allocated.

Approximately Rs. 53 crore has been spent under the scheme since inception.

Annexure I

Annexure I to Rajya Sabha Starred Q. No. 243* part (a) to be answered on 12.08.2025.

State wise list of candidates who have completed their profiles and registration process on the PMIS Portal in Round I and Round II of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme Pilot Project.

S. No	States/UTs	Round I	Round II
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	34	43
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	29364	70999
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	81	79
4	ASSAM	10914	3247
5	BIHAR	22707	19954
6	CHANDIGARH	613	308
7	CHHATTISGARH	7235	9382
8	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	91	86
9	DELHI	12447	5831
10	GOA	119	370
11	GUJARAT	13644	9465
12	HARYANA	28462	5368
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	2147	1656
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	2941	3663
15	JHARKHAND	8227	3511
16	KARNATAKA	12081	12987
17	KERALA	6992	6561
18	LADAKH	45	49
19	LAKSHADWEEP	1	2
20	MADHYA PRADESH	32286	30416
21	MAHARASHTRA	14783	25826
22	MANIPUR	218	112
23	MEGHALAYA	135	179
24	MIZORAM	26	13
25	NAGALAND	246	97
26	ODISHA	10872	48228
27	PUDUCHERRY	342	256
28	PUNJAB	2534	6956
29	RAJASTHAN	14185	21142
30	SIKKIM	23	89
31	TAMIL NADU	9383	8569
32	TELANGANA	17972	18835
33	TRIPURA	580	2330
34	UTTAR PRADESH	64630	21247
35	UTTARAKHAND	2194	1728
36	WEST BENGAL	9561	7290
	Grand Total	338115	346874

Annexure-II

Annexure II to the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 243* part (a) to be answered on 12.08.2025

State wise details of candidates who have accepted offers in Round I of the PMIS Pilot Project.

S.No	State of Applicants	No. of offers accepted by the candidates in round I
1.	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	7
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	1970
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	14
4.	ASSAM	1780
5.	BIHAR	2418
6.	CHANDIGARH	35
7.	CHHATTISGARH	806
8.	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	12
9.	DELHI	1000
10.	GOA	7
11.	GUJARAT	1019
12.	HARYANA	1293
13.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	177
14.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	296
15.	JHARKHAND	1075
16.	KARNATAKA	980
17.	KERALA	524
18.	LADAKH	17
19.	LAKSHADWEEP	0
20.	MADHYA PRADESH	2058
21.	MAHARASHTRA	1188
22.	MANIPUR	37
23.	MEGHALAYA	27
24.	MIZORAM	2
25.	NAGALAND	28
26.	ODISHA	1328
27.	PUDUCHERRY	33
28.	PUNJAB	223
29.	RAJASTHAN	1410
30.	SIKKIM	8
31.	TAMIL NADU	672
32.	TELANGANA	1380
33.	TRIPURA	110
34.	UTTAR PRADESH	4656
35.	UTTARAKHAND	230
36.	WEST BENGAL	1321
	Total	28,141