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PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME

206 # Shri Kesridevsinh Jhala:

Will the Minister of *Corporate Affairs* be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the PM Internship Scheme and the achievements in Round II of the pilot phase;
- (b) the number of students and institutes the Ministry aims to target and select under this scheme;
- (c) the mechanism adopted to implement the scheme and the role of the scheme in boosting the career of students;
- (d) the specific efforts made to implement the scheme in Gujarat, and the outcomes or success stories thereof which have emerged; and
- (e) the manner in which the scheme is being aligned with Gujarat's regional education priorities and employability needs?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND
MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS**

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(a): 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 one year.

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 735 districts of the country. Over 4.55 lakh applications were received from over 2.14 lakh applicants, in this round. As on 17.07.2025, partner companies have made over 71000 offers to the youth and over 22500 offers have been accepted. Currently, rolling out of offers and the process of acceptances/ joining by interns is in progress.

(b): Youth between the age group of 21- 24 years, who have passed High School, Higher Secondary School, possess a certificate from an ITI, hold a diploma from a Polytechnic Institute, or are graduates with degrees such as BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BCA, BBA, B.Pharma, etc. and are not employed full-time and not engaged in full-time education are eligible to apply. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is actively working with various stakeholders such as state governments, industry associations, educational institutions etc. for promotion and

implementation of the scheme. The Ministry is also carrying out Information, Education and Communication activities to reach out to the target groups across the country.

(c): The Pilot Project is being implemented through an online portal, which serves as a centralized platform for end-to-end scheme implementation and internship lifecycle management. A dedicated dashboard is provided to each Partner Company on the Portal, for posting Internship opportunities. Eligible candidates then have to register themselves on the Portal, and apply for internship opportunities based on their preferences, including location (state, district), sector, functional role, and qualifications. A pool of candidates, based on the applications, is shortlisted for each internship opportunity through the portal, and sent to the companies. Companies select candidates and make internship offers based on their respective selection criteria and processes.

Under PMIS Pilot Project, the company is expected to provide the person an actual working experience on a skill in which the company is directly involved. At least half of the internship period would be in the actual work/ real-life business environment. Thus, the scheme provides an opportunity to the youth to get training and gain experience and skills within the real-life environment of various businesses or organizations with the intention of enhancing their employability by bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

(d): The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is actively working with various stakeholders such as state governments, central government ministries & departments, and industry associations for promotion and implementation of the scheme. In Gujarat, MCA has actively collaborated with State Government 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 various districts of the State. With active support from Nodal Department, awareness campaigns were carried out at ITIs, Diploma, degree, and graduate colleges. The Nodal Department is also providing support in monitoring the implementation of the Pilot Project on a regular basis.

Further, the PMIS Portal is accessible in 12 different languages, including Gujarati, to enhance inclusivity from different geographical regions of the country. In the Round I of the Pilot Project, more than 11000 internship opportunities were posted by the partner companies, in the state of Gujarat. In this round, more than 20,000 applications were received from candidates belonging to the state of Gujarat. Over 4500 internship offers were made by the companies to the candidates belonging to the state of Gujarat. More than 1000 candidates accepted the offer in this round, and about 250 candidates joined their internship.

In the Round II, more than 11000 internship opportunities were posted by the partner companies in the state of Gujarat. In this round, over 12000 applications were received from candidates belonging to the state of Gujarat. As on 17.07.2025, about 2600 internship offers were made by the companies to the candidates belonging to the state of Gujarat, and more than 600 candidates have accepted their internship offer. Currently, rolling out of offers and the process of acceptances/ joining by interns is in progress.

(e) The PMIS Pilot Project is aligned with Gujarat's regional education priorities and employability needs by providing 12-month internships in top companies to the youth, and enhancing their employability, by bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. The scheme can foster innovation and entrepreneurship by exposing interns to cutting-edge technologies and business practices in various industries of the state of Gujarat.
