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ROUND II OF PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME

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

- (a) the present status of the PM Internship Scheme and the achievements in the Round II of the pilot phase of the scheme;
- (b) the number of students and institutes the Ministry aims to target and select under this scheme; and
- (c) the mechanism adopted to implement the scheme and the role of the scheme in boosting the career of students?

ANSWER

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

[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]

(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.Pharmaceuticals, 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, 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.
