

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3576
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026**

UNDERUTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME

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

- (a) the total budgetary allocation made for the PM Internship Scheme for the current financial year, of which 94 per cent is reportedly earmarked for the Scheme and the amount actually utilised up to November, 2025, indicating reasons for utilisation of only about 4 per cent of the allocation;**
- (b) the number of internships approved, offered and actually commenced under the Scheme so far, State-wise and sector-wise;**
- (c) the administrative, procedural or industry-participation bottlenecks affecting implementation; and**
- (d) the corrective measures and revised timelines proposed to ensure full utilisation of funds and effective outcomes within the current financial year?**

ANSWER

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

[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]

- (a): Details of amount sanctioned and utilized for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme in FY 2025-26 is placed at Annexure I.**
- (b): In Round I of the PMIS Pilot Project, Partner companies posted 1.27 lakh internship opportunities and made over 82,000 internship offers to over 60,000 candidates and 8760 interns had joined their internship. In Round II of the PMIS Pilot Project, partner companies posted 1.18 lakh internship opportunities and made over 83000 internship offers to over 71000 candidates and over 7300 interns had joined their internship.**

The State wise and sector wise details of internship offers made and interns joined are placed at Annexure II and Annexure III, respectively.

(c): On the basis of independent 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, some of the reasons for low acceptance / joining which have been observed are given below:

- **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.**

d) Based on the learnings during the implementation of the Prime Minister Internship Pilot Project, the guidelines of the Pilot Project have been revised with effect from 12.03.2026. Some of the key changes introduced through the revised guidelines are as follows:

- i. A flexible duration of internships of either 6 or 9 months based on the company's requirements is provided.**
- ii. The monthly allowance has been enhanced from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 9000.**
- iii. The age requirement for youth has been relaxed from 21-24 to 18-25 years. Further, candidates who have a master's degree and students from final year of graduation/post-graduation are eligible.**
- iv. A broader set of companies/organization are now eligible to participate**
- v. Adopted a rolling internship cycle allowing continuous posting, selection, and onboarding.**

Annexure I

Annexure I to Rajya Sabha Q No. 3576 part (a) to be answered on 24.03.2026.

Details of amount sanctioned and utilized for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme in FY 2025-26 as on 30.11.2025 is given below:

(Amount in Rs. Crore)				
S. No.	Financial Year	Budget Allocation & Estimates	Revised Estimates	Actual Expenditure
1.	2025-26	10831.07*	526	59.16

***Rs. 10831.07 crore has been allocated to the Ministry for the main Scheme. However, the main scheme could not be commenced, and Pilot Project has been continued.**

Annexure II

Annexure II to Rajya Sabha Q. No. 3576 part (b) to be answered on 24.03.2026.

The State wise number of internship opportunities posted, offers made by partner companies and number of interns who joined their internship in Round I are as under:

S. No	State/UT	Opportunities Posted by Companies	Offers Made	Interns Joined
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	12	20	4
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	4973	6164	411
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	156	29	7
4	ASSAM	3457	3843	997
5	BIHAR	2802	5668	721
6	CHANDIGARH	523	117	16
7	CHHATTISGARH	3334	2284	225
8	DELHI	2470	2698	370
9	GOA	1017	28	3
10	GUJARAT	11690	4541	249
11	HARYANA	7764	5990	289
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1254	929	64
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	761	769	103
14	JHARKHAND	3535	2699	373
15	KARNATAKA	10022	3098	278
16	KERALA	2807	1938	234
17	LADAKH	72	34	10
18	LAKSHADWEEP	2	0	0
19	MADHYA PRADESH	5627	6244	696
20	MAHARASHTRA	13664	3718	419
21	MANIPUR	73	71	24
22	MEGHALAYA	55	45	10
23	MIZORAM	25	5	1
24	NAGALAND	45	58	5
25	ODISHA	5142	3267	469
26	PUDUCHERRY	310	105	12
27	PUNJAB	2314	742	60
28	RAJASTHAN	4653	4314	379
29	SIKKIM	254	15	1
30	TAMIL NADU	14585	2347	195
31	TELANGANA	7913	4439	330
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	232	40	3
33	TRIPURA	395	200	33
34	UTTAR PRADESH	9027	11563	1241
35	UTTARAKHAND	1966	622	83
36	WEST BENGAL	4577	3433	445
	Grand Total	127508	82077	8760

The State wise number of internship opportunities posted, offers made by partner companies and number of interns who joined their internship in Round II are as under:

S. No	State/UT	Opportunities Posted by Companies	Offers Made	Interns Joined
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	9	8	3
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	4715	11095	650
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	227	19	1
4	ASSAM	2516	2349	809
5	BIHAR	2316	5698	442
6	CHANDIGARH	406	65	5
7	CHHATTISGARH	3399	3820	270
8	DELHI	2048	1302	143
9	GOA	848	54	5
10	GUJARAT	11672	3005	154
11	HARYANA	5646	1780	139
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1414	410	33
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	533	939	98
14	JHARKHAND	2586	1454	231
15	KARNATAKA	9928	2409	269
16	KERALA	3251	1653	431
17	LADAKH	60	9	1
18	LAKSHADWEEP	2	1	0
19	MADHYA PRADESH	5220	9330	551
20	MAHARASHTRA	15187	5427	437
21	MANIPUR	67	32	7
22	MEGHALAYA	114	53	0
23	MIZORAM	49	3	0
24	NAGALAND	86	44	5
25	ODISHA	3449	7242	532
26	PUDUCHERRY	409	58	2
27	PUNJAB	2297	2255	97
28	RAJASTHAN	4839	6213	317
29	SIKKIM	223	25	1
30	TAMIL NADU	15785	1942	239
31	TELANGANA	5357	4071	318
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	204	20	2
33	TRIPURA	383	1091	109
34	UTTAR PRADESH	7714	7085	672
35	UTTARAKHAND	1561	388	36
36	WEST BENGAL	4428	2347	291
	Grand Total	118948	83696	7300

Annexure III

Annexure III to Rajya Sabha Q. No. 3576 part (b) to be answered on 24.03.2026.

The sector wise number of internship opportunities posted, offers made by partner companies and number of interns who joined their internship in Round I are as under:

S.No	Sector	Opportunities Posted by Companies	Offers Made	Interns Joined
1	Agriculture and allied	2961	1126	133
2	Automotive	22012	8460	144
3	Aviation & Defence	1975	1898	164
4	Banking and financial Services	12259	7946	1284
5	Cement & Building Materials	980	552	37
6	Chemical Industry	1152	419	83
7	Consulting Services	18	3	3
8	Diversified Conglomerates	20	33	8
9	FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods)	3534	3169	230
10	Gems & Jewellery	710	71	3
11	Healthcare	580	563	39
12	Housing	467	222	30
13	Infrastructure & Construction	4247	1794	69
14	IT and Software Development	3690	3381	1071
15	Leather and products	5	1	0
16	Manufacturing & Industrial	8329	4973	352
17	Media, Entertainment & Education	167	24	7
18	Metals & Mining	8967	4051	621
19	Oil, Gas & Energy	29361	24416	3277
20	Pharmaceutical	2545	950	124
21	Retail & Consumer Durables	3222	2887	151
22	Sports	86	77	2
23	Telecom	2877	3865	412
24	Textile Manufacturing	1703	1139	14
25	Travel & Hospitality	15641	10057	502
	Grand Total	127508	82077	8760

The sector wise number of internship opportunities posted, offers made by partner companies and number of interns who joined their internship in Round II are as under:

S. No	Sector	Opportunities Posted by Companies	Offers Made	Interns Joined
1	Agriculture and allied	1597	1118	123
2	Automotive	11730	2728	115
3	Aviation & Defence	1811	1790	212
4	Banking and financial Services	18467	19144	1444
5	Cement & Building Materials	1285	274	36
6	Chemical Industry	1790	438	49
7	Consulting Services	94	56	27
8	Diversified Conglomerates	103	48	20
9	FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods)	3873	1452	99
10	Gems & Jewellery	574	1	0
11	Healthcare	745	280	39
12	Housing	626	230	8
13	Infrastructure & Construction	4563	906	65
14	IT and Software Development	3292	3513	1186
15	Leather and products	5	4	3
16	Manufacturing & Industrial	7823	3931	488
17	Media, Entertainment & Education	226	112	23
18	Metals & Mining	8368	6588	626
19	Oil, Gas & Energy	28046	26729	2197
20	Pharmaceutical	2232	287	42
21	Retail & Consumer Durables	3228	2401	89
22	Sports	10	0	0
23	Telecom	2682	1806	231
24	Textile Manufacturing	756	311	12
25	Travel & Hospitality	15022	9549	166
	Grand Total	118948	83696	7300