

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1024
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**REVISION OF PMIS GUIDELINES
QUESTION**

1024. Shri Satnam Singh Sandhu:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is revising the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) guidelines before its full-scale rollout and if so, the reasons and timeline for the same;
- (b) whether artificial intelligence (AI) is being used in the shortlisting and selection of interns under the Scheme and the safeguards in place to ensure transparency and fairness;
- (c) the total number of interns placed so far and sectors covered under the pilot phase; and
- (d) the manner in which the Ministry plans to integrate industry partnerships and skill development outcomes into the redesigned PM Internship Scheme?

ANSWER

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

[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]

(a): Based on the learnings during the implementation of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme Pilot Project Round I & II, revised guidelines have been issued vide O.M. dated 12.03.2026 for Round III. 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. Scope of companies/organisations eligible to participate has been expanded.

- v. Adopted a rolling internship cycle allowing continuous posting, selection, and onboarding.

(b): The PMIS 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. The portal does not use Artificial Intelligence for shortlisting and selection of the candidates. As per the requirements mentioned in the internship opportunities by the companies, a pool of applicants is shortlisted through the portal, using criteria aimed at promoting diversity and social inclusiveness. The company selects candidates based on their respective selection criteria and processes. Further, applicants can track the status of their applications through the PMIS portal and receive notifications at various stages of the process i.e. application, selection, offers, joining etc.

(c): The PM Internship scheme is not designed to provide placements. However, appointment/placement offers are being issued by the companies after assessing candidates' suitability as per their workforce requirement and company policy. The sectors covered under Round I, II and III are attached at Annexure.

(d): PMIS is designed to enhance industry-relevant skills, improve job readiness and foster professional exposure through structured internships in India's top-performing companies and institutions to create job ready, skilled work force. The Ministry has done active engagement with industry to ensure meaningful internship experience for the interns to enhance their skills and employability.

Annexure to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1024 part (c) to be answered on 28.07.2026.

The sectors covered under Round I, Round II and Round III are as under:

S. No.	Internship Sectors in RI & RII	Internship Sectors in RIII (as on 15.07.2026)
1	Agriculture and allied	Agriculture and allied
2	Automotive	Automotive
3	Aviation & Defence	Aviation & Defence
4	Banking and financial Services	Banking and financial Services
5	Cement & Building Materials	Cement & Building Materials
6	Chemical Industry	Chemical Industry
7	Consulting Services	Consulting Services
8	Diversified Conglomerates	Diversified Conglomerates
9	FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods)	FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods)
10	Gems & Jewellery	Gems & Jewellery
11	Healthcare	Healthcare
12	Housing	Housing
13	Infrastructure & Construction	Infrastructure & Construction
14	IT and Software Development	IT and Software Development
15	Leather and products	Electronics & Consumer Electronics
16	Manufacturing & Industrial	Manufacturing & Industrial
17	Media, Entertainment & Education	Media, Entertainment & Education
18	Metals & Mining	Metals & Mining
19	Oil, Gas & Energy	Oil, Gas & Energy
20	Pharmaceutical	Pharmaceutical
21	Retail & Consumer Durables	Retail & Consumer Durables
22	Sports	Sports
23	Telecom	Telecom
24	Textile Manufacturing	Textile Manufacturing
25	Travel & Hospitality	Travel & Hospitality
26	-	Shipping / Maritime
27	-	Facilities Management & Business Services
28	-	Engineering / Design Services
29	-	Logistics & Supply Chain
30	-	Fintech
31	-	Workforce Solutions / HR Services
