## **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

## **MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## **LOK SABHA**

## **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO- 2024**

## **ANSWERED ON- 06/12/2024**

# **INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME BY MEA**

## 2024. SHRI GODAM NAGESH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Ministry has launched the first edition of the Internship Programme in 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the State Governments have any role in the implementation of this scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the number of students who have benefitted from this scheme in the State of Telangana?

## **ANSWER**

# THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KIRTI VARDHAN SINGH)

(a & b) The first edition of the MEA Internships Programme was launched in 2021. Conducted in two terms annually from April to

September and from October to March, thirty interns are engaged by the Ministry during each term under the Programme.

The Programme aims to develop broader understanding of External Affairs Ministry work and impart experiential value to interns. In its implementation, gender inclusivity and diversity in terms of qualifications, domicile and socio-economic status is ensured.

- (c) No
- (d) Not applicable

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