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Robust Internship Ecosystem

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Will the Minister of EDUCATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that by working hand in hand, students, Educational Institutions, industry partners and the Government can create a robust internship ecosystem that enhances employability, addresses the current job market challenges, and contributes to the country's overall economic growth;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government keeping in mind that by immersing students in professional environments, internships can connect theoretical knowledge with practical application, enhancing graduates' employability; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
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(a) to (c): Government of India launched National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 with an aim to provide holistic development of students. NEP 2020 envisages integration of practical exposure and skill courses with regular programs. NEP 2020 also emphasizes the importance of industry-academic connect to enhance employability of students/youth.

To achieve the objectives of NEP 2020 and to create a robust ecosystem of internship in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued Internship Embedded Degree Programme Guidelines. This has enabled HEIs to offer programs with practical exposure approved by UGC. To ensure general exposure of industry to technical education students, AICTE has made internship mandatory component of model curriculum/programmes approved by AICTE. With an aim to provide internship to every student/learner, Ministry of Education in collaboration with AICTE has launched National Internship Portal.

As informed by Ministry of Corporate Affairs, the "Prime Minister's Internship Scheme", has been launched in the year 2024 to create a skilled, empowered and knowledgeable workforce. This ambitious initiative implemented through an online portal aims to provide internship opportunities to students/youth allowing them to immerse themselves in diverse business environments and explore a variety of professions. The internship provides opportunity for students/youth to gain real-world experience while benefiting from financial support and comprehensive training
