

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3415**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2025

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR WOMEN**

3415. SHRI UJJWAL RAMAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of Women and Child Development be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched its internship programme with the aim of empowering girl students, teachers, social workers and women;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether women applicants are proposed to be divided into categories for participation in the programme, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government also proposes to provide an opportunity to the selected women to work in other pilot projects and micro-studies conducted by the Ministry during the Internship, if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to give priority to talented women particularly those coming from non-tier-1 cities and rural areas to participate in this programme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT  
(SHRIMATI SAVITRI THAKUR)

(a) to (f) Ministry of Women and Child Development operates an Internship Programme for Women with revised guidelines since 2024. Women students, scholars, social activists and teachers in age group 21-40 years are eligible for the internship programme. The programme is meant to orient interns about the policies and schemes of the Ministry by offering short-term association, including pilot projects/micro studies focusing on the ongoing activities of the Ministry. After successful completion of their internship, it is expected that interns would be able to contribute to policy formulation by giving inputs in the form of empirical analysis, reporting, policy papers etc., and thereby bridging information gaps on issues pertaining to women and children in the country.

In order to ensure representation and diversity, interns are selected from working and Non-Working; Rural and Urban; and Zone wise categories. Working Group comprises teachers, scholars and social activists, whereas Non-Working Group comprises students enrolled in undergraduate or postgraduate programmes. Further, interns are selected from State/UTs falling under North, South, East, West, Central and North-East zones, as well as from non-tier-I cities and rural areas to enhance regional diversity.

As per the revised guidelines, the internship programme is offered in four batches by the Ministry throughout a financial year: May-June, August-September, November-December and February-March. Each batch is of two months duration and up to 20 interns are engaged in each batch.

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