

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
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LOW RECRUITMENT UNDER PMIS

QUESTION

4071. Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of youths who had availed internships under the PM Internship Scheme since its inception;**
- (b) whether the Government considers the slow pace of implementation and limited uptake as a sign of inadequate planning or poor coordination with the private sector and implementing institutions and if so, the measures taken to improve the effectiveness of its implementation;**
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any review or assessment to find out the reasons for such low recruitment under the scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government plans to restructure the scheme with a more effective model and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a)&(b): The Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) was announced in the Budget 2024-25. It aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. As an initiation to this scheme, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched a Pilot Project of the scheme on 3rd October, 2024, which is targeted to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth in one year.

In the round I of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, 280 partner companies posted more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities on the PMIS Portal across

the country. Against this, more than 6.21 lakh applications were received from about 1.81 lakh candidates. Partner companies made over 82,000 internship offers and more than 28,000 candidates accepted offers to join the internship. Over 8700 candidates joined their internship in the round I.

In the round II of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, which commenced on 9th January, 2025, 327 Partner Companies have posted over 1.18 lakh internship opportunities (new and edited unfilled opportunities of previous round) across 735 districts of the country. Over 4.55 lakh applications were received from over 2.14 lakh applicants, in this round. As on 12.08.2025, partner companies have made over 82000 offers to the youth and more than 24,000 candidates have accepted offers to join the internship. Currently, rolling out of offers and the process of acceptances/ joining by interns is in progress.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has done adequate planning and is actively coordinating/working with various stakeholders such as Industry, State governments, Industry associations, Educational institutions etc. for promotion and implementation of the scheme. The Ministry is also carrying out Information, Education and Communication activities to reach out to the target groups across the country.

(c) & (d): The primary objective of the PMIS pilot project is to enhance employability of the youth by providing training and experience within the real life environment of businesses or organizations. Based on concurrent evaluation and feedback survey carried out by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, outbound calls made by the call centre to the candidates and feedback received from various stakeholders, such as candidates, industry & industry associations and state governments, the reasons for applicants not accepting the offer or not joining the internship are location considerations, duration of internship, pursuance of higher education etc.

(e): Pilot Project is a pivotal phase that has allowed for testing concepts, strategies and systems before a full-scale implementation. The full-scale rollout of the PM Internship Scheme would be based on the feedback received from the stakeholders, consultations and evaluation of outcomes during the implementation of the Pilot Project.
