### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

#### **LOK SABHA**

# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4140 ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 18<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025 SRAVANA 27, 1947 (SAKA)

### RESERVATION FOR SC/ST/OBC UNDER PMIS QUESTION

4140. Dr. Anand Kumar:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of students applied and got selected for Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme (PMIS), State-wise;
- (b) the details of total expenditure incurred on the internship scheme;
- (c) whether there is any provision for reservation to SC, ST and OBC students under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce short-term internship programme under the said scheme so that students pursuing full-time education can improve their employment skills through internship along with their studies and become fully prepared for employment by the time they complete their studies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

#### **ANSWER**

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

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(a): The Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) announced in the Budget 2024-25, 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 in a year. In the round I of the Pilot Project, which commenced from 3rd October, 2024, more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities were posted by the partner companies across the country.

Against these, approximately 6.21 lakh applications were received from more than 1.81 lakh applicants. Based on the requirements sought by the Companies in the internship opportunities offered and the qualifications of the applicants, in the first

round of the Pilot Project, partner companies made over 82,000 internship offers to over 60.000 candidates.

State wise details of the number of candidates who applied for internship and candidates who got internship offers in round I of the PM Internship Pilot Project, is enclosed at Annexure I.

In the second round of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, which commenced on 9th January, 2025, about 327 Partner Companies have posted over 1.18 lakh internship opportunities (new and edited unfilled opportunities of previous round) across 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 over 69000 candidates. Currently, rolling out of offers and the process of acceptances/joining by interns is in progress.

State wise details of the number of candidates who applied for internship and candidates who got internship offers in round II of the PM Internship Pilot Project, is enclosed at Annexure II.

(b): In the Budget Estimate of FY 2024-25, an amount of Rs. 2000 crores was allocated to Ministry of Corporate Affairs, for the FY 2024-25 for PM Internship Scheme. For the Pilot Project of the PM Internship Scheme, targeted at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth, an amount of Rs. 840 crore was approved. Revised Estimate was arrived at Rs. 380 crores in the FY 2024-25.

For the FY 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 10831.07 crore has been allocated.

Approximately Rs. 55 crore has been spent under the scheme since inception.

- (c): As per the Guidelines of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, a pool of candidates based on the number of applications received from all parts of the country, is shortlisted for each internship opportunity through the Portal, by matching the qualifications of the applicants with the qualifications sought by the company for that internship opportunity. The shortlisting process is aimed at promoting diversity and social inclusivity in the internship program through providing for representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes as well as Persons with Disabilities in the shortlist sent to the concerned company for further selection as per their respective processes and criterion.
- (d) & (e): Under the PM Internship scheme pilot project, youth between the age group of 21- 24 years, who have passed High School, Higher Secondary School, possess a certificate from an ITI, hold a diploma from a Polytechnic Institute, or are graduates with degrees such as BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BCA, BBA, B.Pharma, etc. and

are not employed full-time and not engaged in full-time education are eligible to apply

In the pilot project, the company is expected to provide the person an actual working experience on a skill in which the company is directly involved. At least half of the internship period would be in the actual work/ real-life business environment. Thus, the scheme provides an opportunity to the youth to get training and gain experience and skills within the real-life environment of various businesses or organizations with the intention of enhancing their employability by bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements.

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

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Annexure I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 4140 part (a) to be answered on 18.08.2025.

# State wise details of the number of candidates who applied for internship and candidates who got internship offers in round I of the PM Internship Pilot Project

S.No	State of Applicants	No. of candidates who	No. of candidates to
		applied for internship	whom offers were made
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	18	12
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	17371	4687
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	43	24
4.	ASSAM	7384	2744
5.	BIHAR	12494	4160
6.	CHANDIGARH	222	94
7.	CHHATTISGARH	4186	1622
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	44	27
9.	DELHI	5682	2122
10.	GOA	45	19
11.	GUJARAT	6510	3205
12.	HARYANA	13381	4382
13.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1210	679
14.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1643	603
15.	JHARKHAND	4172	1878
16.	KARNATAKA	6672	2244
17.	KERALA	3457	1427
18.	LADAKH	28	24
19.	MADHYA PRADESH	20466	4917
20.	MAHARASHTRA	7332	2657
21.	MANIPUR	118	53
22.	MEGHALAYA	72	34
23.	MIZORAM	16	4
24.	NAGALAND	109	48
25.	ODISHA	6528	2418
26.	PUDUCHERRY	174	70
27.	PUNJAB	1049	538
28.	RAJASTHAN	8436	3292
29.	SIKKIM	15	10
30.	TAMIL NADU	4699	1683
31.	TELANGANA	10689	3250
32.	TRIPURA	376	148
33.	UTTAR PRADESH	30889	8875
34.	UTTARAKHAND	1034	442
35.	WEST BENGAL	5384	2474
	TOTAL	181948	60,866

Annexure II to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No.4140 part (a) to be answered on 18.08.2025.

# State wise details of the number of candidates who applied for internship and candidates who got internship offers in round II of the PM Internship Pilot Project

S.No	State of Applicants	No. of candidates who applied for internship	No. of applicants to whom offers were made
1.	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	20	8
2.	ANDHRA PRADESH	33854	9399
3.	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	41	17
4.	ASSAM	2913	1906
5.	BIHAR	16596	4713
6.	CHANDIGARH	135	53
7.	CHHATTISGARH	6775	2844
8.	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN & DIU	38	16
9.	DELHI	2972	1112
10.	GOA	125	43
11.	GUJARAT	5706	2422
12.	HARYANA	3389	1521
13.	HIMACHAL PRADESH	674	347
14.	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	2741	834
15.	JHARKHAND	2283	1227
16.	KARNATAKA	5809	2046
17.	KERALA	3304	1369
18.	LADAKH	31	7
19.	MADHYA PRADESH	23385	7630
20.	MAHARASHTRA	13449	4576
21.	MANIPUR	61	29
22.	MEGHALAYA	74	41
23.	MIZORAM	4	3
24.	NAGALAND	55	38
25.	ODISHA	30666	6165
26.	PUDUCHERRY	129	44
27.	PUNJAB	3852	1821
28.	RAJASTHAN	15589	5219
29.	SIKKIM	49	19
30.	TAMIL NADU	4727	1653
31.	TELANGANA	12675	3538
32.	TRIPURA	1896	903
33.	UTTAR PRADESH	15383	6076
34.	UTTARAKHAND	773	328
35.	WEST BENGAL	4059	1977
	TOTAL	214232	69944