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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME UNDER NHAI

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched an internship programme in association with Department of Higher Education along with a dedicated internship portal to nurture future professionals in the highways and infrastructure sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the aims and objectives thereto;

(c) the details of eligibility criteria, duration of internships and number of interns likely to be engaged annually;

(d) whether the Government has any proposal to provide financial assistance, stipends, mentorship to the interns and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the programme also aims to provide hands-on exposure in areas such as project planning, construction, maintenance, asset

management, safety and use of advanced technologies and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

(SHRI NITIN JAIRAM GADKARI)

(a) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has launched a dedicated internship programme and an internship portal in collaboration with Department of Higher Education and All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

(b) NHAI has instituted an Internship Program to engage students and qualified candidates across diverse disciplines with aim to build technical and managerial capacity among the youth through structured, field-based and analytical learning and providing opportunities through the ongoing and upcoming Highway Development Program. NHAI projects have the potential to provide practical exposure to aspiring professionals in the field of Infrastructure development.

(c) The details of eligibility criteria, duration of internships and number of interns likely to be engaged are as below:

i. Students pursuing Bachelor's / Master's degree in Civil Engineering are to be engaged in Highway Project Planning, Design, Traffic and Transport Planning, Construction Supervision and Operations & Maintenance.

Students pursuing Bachelor's / Master's degree in engineering stream (viz. Computer Science / IT/Electronics / Instrumentation / Data Science, Finance, Law, etc.) are to be engaged for analytics and Program Management Support, Tolling Operations, IT / AI, Finance, Land Acquisition, Environment, Legal, HR/Admin etc.

ii. The duration of internship includes winter internship of one month, summer internship of two months and for students in last semester of their course, the internship period will be of six months.

iii. Five hundred students are targeted to be engaged as interns per year.

(d) NHAI offers stipend of Rs 20,000/- per month to the interns. NHAI has proposed to engage the interns under the supervision of Project Directors of the Project Implementation Units and various Technical Divisions at NHAI Headquarters under the concerned Chief General Manager/General Manager.

(e) NHAI has an extensive eco-system for hands-on learning, innovation and professional development in the field of Infrastructure Development and Management. The Interns will be given an opportunity for on-site learning giving them practical exposure in the field of Infrastructure development including leveraging of technology and use of best practices in the field.
