

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1568  
ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026  
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**UTILISATION OF FUNDS UNDER PRIME MINISTER'S INTERNSHIP SCHEME  
QUESTION**

**1568. Shri K C Venugopal:**

**Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) the reasons for the poor utilisation of funds under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS), wherein only about 4% of the allocated budget was spent during April-November period of the Financial Year 2025-26;**

**(b) whether it is a fact that only about 28,000 were accepted despite over 82,000 internship offers being made in the first round, resulting in a low acceptance rate of around 34%; if so, the reasons therefor;**

**(c) whether the level of financial assistance provided to interns is a deterrent to participation and if so, whether the Government proposes to revise the stipend structure, if so, the details thereof;**

**(d) the number of interns who have completed internships under PMIS so far and the outcomes in terms of skill development and employability; and**

**(e) the corrective measures being taken to improve participation, utilisation of funds and overall effectiveness of the PMIS?**

**ANSWER**

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

**[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]**

**(a): For the FY 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 10831.07 crore was allocated to Ministry of Corporate Affairs for PM Internship Scheme at Budget Estimate stage and the same was revised to Rs. 526 crore. As an initiation to PM Internship Scheme, a Pilot Project was approved with the budget of Rs. 840 crore in the FY 2024-25. During FY 2025-26, as on 31.12.2025, Rs. 64.91 crore has been utilized towards the pilot project of the PM Internship Scheme.**

**(b) & (c): In the Round I of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, Partner companies made over 82,000 internship offers to over 60,000 candidates and out of which over 28000 candidates accepted offers. On the basis of independent evaluation and feedback survey carried out by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, outbound calls made by the call center to the candidates and feedback received from various stakeholders, such as candidates, industry & industry associations**

**and state governments, some of the reasons for low acceptance / joining which have been observed are given below:**

- **Location is an important consideration and ideal travel distance indicated by candidates is between 5-10 km.**
- **Internship period of 12 months is longer than that in normal skilling programs.**
- **Some candidates are not interested in roles offered.**

**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.**

**(d): The PM Internship Scheme is designed to enhance industry-relevant skills, improve job readiness, and foster professional exposure through structured internships in India's top-performing companies and institutions to create job-ready, skilled workforce. The scheme is not designed to provide placements.**

**The duration of internship offered under the Pilot Project being of 12 months, the completion dates of internship under Round I are from November 2025 to March 2026 and under Round II are from April 2026 onwards, depending on the date of joining of the interns. As on 27.01.2026, 3417 interns from Round I have completed the internship.**

**(e): Based on the learning during the implementation of the Prime Minister Internship Pilot Project, following major steps were taken to improve the implementation and outcomes:**

- 1. Portal Improvement: functionality for geo-tagging internship location, moving vacancies and candidates between one location to another and, more visibility of additional benefits given by companies to the candidates.**
- 2. Targeted Information, Education and Communications (IEC) activities**
- 3. Active engagement and coordination with States, UTs, Ministries and Departments of the Central Government and Industry Associations for enhancing the outreach of the scheme.**
- 4. Active engagement with industry to ensure meaningful internship experience for the interns to enhance their skills and employability, including reporting of quarterly progress of the interns by the companies.**

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