

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS**

**LOK SABHA
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PERFORMANCE AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT IN PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME

QUESTION

249. Shri Azad Kirti Jha:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for the low acceptance and joining rates under the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) pilot, wherein out of over 1.27 lakh internship opportunities posted in Round I, only about 28,000 offers were accepted and around 8,700 candidate joined, and similar trends were observed in Round II;

(b) whether the Government acknowledges that the scheme has not achieved its intended objectives of providing quality internship and employment opportunities to youth, despite ambitious targets and significant budgetary support;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the key challenges and gaps identified by the Government and any independent evaluations that have contributed to low participation and utilisation; and

(e) the corrective steps being taken to improve implementation, enhance industry linkage and ensure that the scheme delivers meaningful skills and employability outcomes for young aspirants across the country?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): 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.**

(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 on the portal.**
- 5. Companies were asked to report quarterly progress of the interns on the portal.**
