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MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

LOK SABHA
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PRIME MINISTER INTERNSHIP SCHEME (PMIS) IN WEST BENGAL

QUESTION

2618. Shri Saumitra Khan:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of internship opportunities posted by partner companies under Round I and Round II of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) in West Bengal along with the details of the cities in which these internship positions were offered;

(b) the number of applications received, offers made and internship acceptances recorded in both rounds of PMIS, State-wise, with district-wise data for West Bengal;

(c) whether the Government has undertaken any analysis for non-acceptance of offers or low joining rates in West Bengal and if so, the findings thereof;

(d) whether any specific steps have been taken to improve participation and internship completion in aspirational and educationally backward districts of the State, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the roadmap for expansion of PMIS and proposals received from the Government of West Bengal?

ANSWER

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

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(a): The total number of internship opportunities posted by partner companies in West Bengal are 4577 and 4428 for Round I and Round II respectively. The city-wise data in respect of internship opportunities is not maintained.

(b): The details of number of applications received, offers made by the companies and offers accepted by candidates under Round I and Round II of PMIS state-wise and district-wise for West Bengal, are at Annexure I and II respectively.

(c): The analysis for non-acceptance of offers or low joining rates has been done for the entire country including West Bengal.

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.**

(d): No special steps have been taken for such districts of West Bengal. However, following major steps were taken to improve the implementation and outcomes of the scheme throughout the country including West Bengal:-

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.**

(e): The Pilot Project is a pivotal phase that allows for testing concepts, strategies and systems before a full-scale implementation. Based on the feedback received and evaluation of outcomes during the implementation of the Pilot Project, lessons drawn will be factored in while rolling out the first phase of the main scheme.

No proposal has been received from the Government of West Bengal.

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Annexure I

Annexure I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2618 to be answered on 09.03.2026.

State-wise details of the number of applications received, offers made to candidates and offers accepted by candidates in Round I

S. No.	States	Total Applications received	Total Offers Made by Companies	Offers Accepted by the Candidates
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	60	20	7
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	62405	6164	1970
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	122	29	14
4	ASSAM	26785	3843	1780
5	BIHAR	47706	5668	2418
6	CHANDIGARH	578	117	35
7	CHHATTISGARH	13977	2284	806
8	DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	137	40	12
9	DELHI	17863	2698	1000
10	GOA	132	28	7
11	GUJARAT	20109	4541	1019
12	HARYANA	40064	5990	1293
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	3175	929	177
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	5159	769	296
15	JHARKHAND	14721	2699	1075
16	KARNATAKA	23115	3098	980
17	KERALA	12105	1938	524
19	LADAKH	93	34	17
19	LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0
20	MADHYA PRADESH	67224	6244	2058
21	MAHARASHTRA	23945	3718	1188
22	MANIPUR	343	71	37
23	MEGHALAYA	231	45	27
24	MIZORAM	27	5	2
25	NAGALAND	256	58	28
26	ODISHA	24290	3267	1329
27	PUDUCHERRY	631	105	33
28	PUNJAB	3101	742	223
29	RAJASTHAN	27814	4314	1410
30	SIKKIM	41	15	8
31	TAMIL NADU	15635	2347	672
32	TELANGANA	37386	4439	1379
33	TRIPURA	1098	200	110
34	UTTAR PRADESH	108317	11563	4656
35	UTTARAKHAND	3395	622	230
36	WEST BENGAL	19922	3433	1321
Total		621962	82077	28141

State-wise details of the number of applications received, offers made to candidates and offers accepted by candidates in Round II

S. No.	States	Applications received	Total Offers Made by Companies	Offers Accepted by the Candidates
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	34	8	4
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	75206	11095	2868
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	75	19	8
4	ASSAM	7157	2349	1255
5	BIHAR	33125	5698	1607
6	CHANDIGARH	257	65	13
7	CHHATTISGARH	15344	3820	894
8	DELHI	81	1302	451
9	GOA	6260	54	14
10	GUJARAT	252	3005	629
11	HARYANA	12405	1780	601
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6943	410	106
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1261	939	329
14	JHARKHAND	5517	1454	624
15	KARNATAKA	4828	2409	751
16	KERALA	12275	1653	660
17	LADAKH	6060	9	3
18	LAKSHADWEEP	57	1	1
19	MADHYA PRADESH	2	9330	2353
20	MAHARASHTRA	50482	5427	1616
21	MANIPUR	27342	32	18
22	MEGHALAYA	117	53	15
23	MIZORAM	157	3	2
24	NAGALAND	6	44	12
25	ODISHA	91	7242	1848
26	PUDUCHERRY	65239	58	11
27	PUNJAB	269	2255	472
28	RAJASTHAN	7738	6213	1342
29	SIKKIM	32288	25	4
30	TAMIL NADU	93	1942	656
31	TELANGANA	9970	4071	1314
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	27201	20	7
33	TRIPURA	4536	1091	339
34	UTTAR PRADESH	32105	7085	2761
35	UTTARAKHAND	1541	388	137
36	WEST BENGAL	8953	2347	913
	Total	455267	83696	24638

Annexure II

Annexure II to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 2618 to be answered on 09.03.2026.

District-wise details of the number of applications received from West Bengal, offers made to candidates from West Bengal and offers accepted by candidates from West Bengal under Round I.

S. No.	Districts	Applications Received	Offers Made by companies	Offers Accepted by candidates
1	Alipurduar	374	34	14
2	Bankura	824	148	59
3	Birbhum	792	109	45
4	Cooch Behar	597	63	29
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	244	31	10
6	Darjeeling	255	51	18
7	Hooghly	1411	250	91
8	Howrah	958	193	74
9	Jalpaiguri	419	63	18
10	Jhargram	258	51	21
11	Kalimpong	16	2	1
12	Kolkata	1819	332	125
13	Malda	803	112	46
14	Murshidabad	719	119	51
15	Nadia	856	174	62
16	North 24 Paraganas	2368	444	165
17	Paschim Bardhaman	979	212	86
18	Paschim Medinipur	1138	194	84
19	Purba Bardhaman	1116	185	65
20	Purba Medinipur	1285	246	89
21	Purulia	664	88	27
22	South 24 Paraganas	1607	281	118
23	Uttar Dinajpur	420	51	23
	Grand Total	19922	3433	1321

District-wise details of the number of applications received from West Bengal, offers made to candidates from West Bengal and offers accepted by candidates from West Bengal under Round II.

S. No.	Districts	Applications Received	Offers Made by companies	Offers Accepted by candidates
1	Alipurduar	90	26	12
2	Bankura	307	98	32
3	Birbhum	235	70	24
4	Cooch Behar	174	57	22
5	Dakshin Dinajpur	108	38	18
6	Darjeeling	166	47	17
7	Hooghly	710	185	69
8	Howrah	565	149	51
9	Jalpaiguri	166	52	21
10	Jhargram	84	17	6
11	Kalimpong	10	1	1
12	Kolkata	1032	210	90
13	Malda	267	94	37
14	Murshidabad	276	74	29
15	Nadia	414	85	37
16	North 24 Paraganas	1295	291	98
17	Paschim Bardhaman	509	155	76
18	Paschim Medinipur	462	109	45
19	Purba Bardhaman	412	108	44
20	Purba Medinipur	557	173	70
21	Purulia	265	94	35
22	South 24 Paraganas	649	154	59
23	Uttar Dinajpur	200	60	20
	Grand Total	8953	2347	913

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