

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 17
ANSWERED ON MONDAY THE 20th JULY, 2026
ASHADHA 29, 1948 (SAKA)**

EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER PMIS

QUESTION

17. Shri Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu:

Shri Tangella Uday Srinivas:

Shri G Lakshminarayana:

Dr. K Sudhakar:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of internship opportunities offered, students registered and placed under the Prime Minister Internship Scheme since its launch, State/UT-wise and year-wise, including details for Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the Government has expanded the eligibility criteria under the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) to include final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students, if so, the objectives behind the said decision;**
- (c) the number of students who have registered and enrolled under PMIS after the revised eligibility criteria came into effect, State/UT-wise, particularly in Chikkaballapur district in Karnataka and Anantapur, Palnadu and Kakinada districts in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (d) the number of internship opportunities offered and students placed through PMIS in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh following the revised eligibility norms;**
- (e) whether the Government has undertaken any awareness or outreach programme in higher educational institutions to promote the Scheme, if so, the details thereof in Karnataka particularly in Chikkaballapur district and Andhra Pradesh, including Anantapur, Palnadu and Kakinada districts;**
- (f) the number of companies and sectors participating in the Scheme and whether Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and start-ups have been included alongside large corporates, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) the steps taken to promote the Scheme in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, rural and semi-urban districts and coastal districts like Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh where youth awareness of structured internship opportunities remains low?**

ANSWER

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

[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]

(a) : State/UT wise number of internship opportunities posted by companies in Round I, Round II and Round III of the PMIS Pilot Project is placed at Annexure I. Round III of the PMIS Pilot project is ongoing.

Year wise data is not maintained by PMIS Division. State/UT wise details of candidates registered/ completed their profiles and candidates who have joined their internship, including Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, in Round I, Round II and Round III of the PMIS Pilot Project is placed at Annexure II.

(b): As per the revised Guidelines of the Prime Minister Internship Scheme-Pilot Project, issued vide O.M. dated 12.03.2026, the Government has expanded the eligibility criteria to include final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students. This has been done with a view to expand the outreach of the Scheme and to enable a larger number of eligible youth to benefit from exposure to a real-life business environment through internship opportunities.

(c) & (d): The State/UT wise number of final year graduate/post graduate students who have registered and completed their profiles in Round III, i.e. after the revised guidelines came into effect, is placed at Annexure III.

The number of internship opportunities posted by companies and number of final year graduate/post graduate students who have joined their internships from Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh are given below:

	No. of Internship Opportunities posted for Round III* (As on 15.07.2026)	Interns Joined (As on 15.07.2026)
Karnataka	12867	36
Andhra Pradesh	6384	29

***Currently, Round III of the Pilot Project is ongoing.**

Further, number of final year graduate/post graduate students who have registered and completed their profiles in Round III, from Chikkaballapur district of Karnataka and Anantapur, Palnadu and Kakinada districts of Andhra Pradesh, are placed as Annexure-IV.

(e): The Ministry of Corporate Affairs is actively working with various stakeholders such as state governments, central government ministries & departments, and industry associations for promotion and implementation of the scheme. Extensive Information, Education and Communication activities including workshops, seminars, and promotional campaigns - both online and on-ground to amplify program visibility and to reach out to the target groups in various districts of the

State, have been carried out at higher educational institutions such as graduate and postgraduate colleges in different districts of the country.

District level Nodal Officers have been nominated across Karnataka, including in Chikkaballapur district, to undertake awareness activities and facilitate dissemination of information regarding the PMIS. Further, outreach and awareness initiatives have been conducted in Chikkaballapur district, including a virtual awareness session for Principals and Placement Officers of Government First Grade Colleges and Government Polytechnic Colleges in July 2026. Further, periodic review meetings are conducted with the concerned stakeholders to monitor progress and strengthen implementation.

In the state of Andhra Pradesh, the Government, in collaboration with District Administration, District Skill Committee members and Youth Welfare Department of Andhra Pradesh, has conducted several PMIS outreach programmes in various Degree Colleges, Post Graduate Colleges and Women's Colleges of Anantapur, Palnadu and Kakinada districts of Andhra Pradesh.

(f): Details of number of companies and sectors wherein internship opportunities were posted in Round I, Round II and Round III are given below:

Round	No. of Companies	Sectors
I	280	25
II	327	25
III* (As on 15.07.2026)	340	31

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As per the guidelines for PMIS Pilot Project, companies may provide internship opportunities across the country in its own company or it may tie up with Companies/MSMEs in its forward and backward supply chain (e.g. Network Entities/Subsidiaries/Suppliers/Vendors, etc.) or Other Companies/Institutions in its Group, which may include MSMEs and start-ups. Further, revised guidelines stipulate that selected MSMEs through sectoral associations are eligible to participate in the scheme.

(g): PM Internship Scheme is being implemented as a national level scheme and 35 States/UTs have appointed Nodal Officers for PMIS. With active support from State, awareness campaigns are being carried out at ITI, Diploma, degree, and graduate colleges across the country, including tier 2 and tier 3 cities, rural and semi-urban districts and coastal districts like Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh.

Annexure I

Annexure I to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 17 to be answered on 20.07.2026

The State/UT wise number of internship opportunities posted in Round I, II and III are as under:

S.No.	State	No. of Internship Opportunities		
		Round I	Round II	Round III* (As on 15.07.2026)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	12	9	10
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	4973	4715	6384
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	156	227	76
4	ASSAM	3457	2516	2884
5	BIHAR	2802	2316	2413
6	CHANDIGARH	523	406	234
7	CHHATTISGARH	3334	3399	3052
8	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	232	204	454
9	DELHI	2470	2048	2674
10	GOA	1017	848	350
11	GUJARAT	11690	11672	8437
12	HARYANA	7764	5646	3629
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1254	1414	1129
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	761	533	586
15	JHARKHAND	3535	2586	1492
16	KARNATAKA	10022	9928	12867
17	KERALA	2807	3251	3793
18	LADAKH	72	60	1
19	LAKSHADWEEP	2	2	2
20	MADHYA PRADESH	5627	5220	3076
21	MAHARASHTRA	13664	15187	17004
22	MANIPUR	73	67	55
23	MEGHALAYA	55	114	106
24	MIZORAM	25	49	28
25	NAGALAND	45	86	52
26	ODISHA	5142	3449	4976
27	PUDUCHERRY	310	409	204
28	PUNJAB	2314	2297	1613
29	RAJASTHAN	4653	4839	4567
30	SIKKIM	254	223	216
31	TAMIL NADU	14585	15785	15700
32	TELANGANA	7913	5357	6481
33	TRIPURA	395	383	233
34	UTTAR PRADESH	9027	7714	11283
35	UTTARAKHAND	1966	1561	2313
36	WEST BENGAL	4577	4428	3774
	Total	127508	118948	122148

*Currently, Round III of the Pilot Project is ongoing.

Annexure II

Annexure II to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 17 to be answered on 20.07.2026

The State/UT wise details of candidates registered/ completed their profiles and candidates who have joined their internship in Round I, Round II and Round III are as follows:

State / UT	Round I		Round II		Round II (As on 15.7.2026)	
	Profiles Completed	Joined	Profiles Completed	Joined	Profiles Completed	Joined
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	32	4	58	3	13	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	36067	411	76773	650	26889	556
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	77	7	93	1	46	3
ASSAM	11462	997	4797	809	3485	699
BIHAR	23736	721	23819	442	4637	601
CHANDIGARH	654	16	403	5	110	0
CHHATTISGARH	8322	225	10680	270	11008	295
DELHI	13156	370	8283	143	3479	145
GOA	141	3	448	5	125	10
GUJARAT	14749	249	11267	154	2520	339
HARYANA	29351	289	7620	139	3978	304
HIMACHAL PRADESH	2301	64	1945	33	1006	119
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	3477	103	4323	98	5139	51
JHARKHAND	8525	373	4723	231	2372	324
KARNATAKA	13455	278	16952	269	3615	412
KERALA	7292	234	8039	431	2236	389
LADAKH	50	10	54	1	27	0
LAKSHADWEEP	1	0	4	0	2	1
MADHYA PRADESH	36299	696	33253	551	5386	455
MAHARASHTRA	16868	419	34658	437	9601	771
MANIPUR	223	24	146	7	67	12
MEGHALAYA	135	10	240	0	103	8
MIZORAM	28	1	17	0	11	2
NAGALAND	246	5	115	5	51	10
ODISHA	13320	469	50570	532	4867	483
PUDUCHERRY	358	12	339	2	126	5
PUNJAB	2828	60	7674	97	1534	114
RAJASTHAN	15811	379	23588	317	5990	291
SIKKIM	26	1	113	1	34	16
TAMIL NADU	10645	195	11989	239	6739	591
TELANGANA	20907	330	22135	318	4382	345
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	99	3	106	2	38	11
TRIPURA	690	33	2487	109	339	48

State / UT	Round I		Round II		Round II (As on 15.7.2026)	
	Profiles Complete d	Joined	Profiles Complete d	Joined	Profiles Completed	Joined
UTTAR PRADESH	66387	1241	29690	672	12537	2038
UTTARAKHAND	2336	83	2415	36	1856	434
WEST BENGAL	10258	445	10421	291	4380	313
Grand Total	370312	8760	410237	7300	128728	10195

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Annexure III

Annexure III to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 17 to be answered on 20.07.2026
The State/UT wise number of final year graduate/ post graduate students who have registered and completed their profiles in Round III, as on 15.07.2026*.

State / UT	No. of Profiles Completed
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	2
ANDHRA PRADESH	5876
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	5
ASSAM	172
BIHAR	415
CHANDIGARH	13
CHHATTISGARH	375
DELHI	682
GOA	12
GUJARAT	361
HARYANA	312
HIMACHAL PRADESH	54
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	102
JHARKHAND	246
KARNATAKA	1060
KERALA	305
MADHYA PRADESH	588
MAHARASHTRA	2270
MANIPUR	10
MEGHALAYA	5
MIZORAM	1
NAGALAND	2
ODISHA	645
PUDUCHERRY	17
PUNJAB	254
RAJASTHAN	419
SIKKIM	2
TAMIL NADU	1798
TELANGANA	1167
THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	2
TRIPURA	32
UTTAR PRADESH	1867
UTTARAKHAND	371
WEST BENGAL	474
Grand Total	19916

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Annexure IV**Annexure IV to the Lok Sabha Unstarred Q. No. 17 to be answered on 20.07.2026**

Number of final year graduate/ post graduate students who have registered and completed their profiles in Round III, as on 15.07.2026, from Chikkaballapur district of Karnataka and Anantapur, Palnadu and Kakinada districts of Andhra Pradesh, are placed below:

State / UT	District	Completed Profiles of final year students in Round III* (As on 15.07.2026)
Karnataka	Chikkaballapur	8
Andhra Pradesh	Anantapur	237
Andhra Pradesh	Palnadu	107
Andhra Pradesh	Kakinada	274

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