

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

RAJYA SABHA
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TO BE ANSWERED ON 02st APRIL, 2025

PM Internship Scheme

3522 Shri Mokariya Rambhai:

Will the Minister of COOPERATION be pleased to state:

- (a) the steps taken by the ministry to enhance the PM Internship Scheme, particularly in terms of expanding the number of internships available and the sector involved;
- (b) whether the Ministry plans to implement certain measures to address any barriers that may prevent underrepresented groups from participating in the PM Internship Scheme, ensuring inclusivity and diversity among interns; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF COOPERATION
(SHRI AMIT SHAH)

(a) to (c): The subject matter pertains to the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Accordingly, inputs were sought from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. Reply prepared based on received inputs are appended below:

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) was announced in the Budget 2024-2025. It aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in top 500 companies in five years. As an initiation to this Scheme, Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched a Pilot Project of the Scheme on 3rd October, 2024, which is targeted to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth in the Financial Year 2024-2025. The Scheme is being implemented through an online portal <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in>. Partner companies for the PM Internship Scheme-Pilot Project, include the top 500 companies selected on the basis of average Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure in the last 3 years, which covers a large number of diverse sectors including Aviation and Defence, Automotive, Banking and Financial Services, Chemical Industry, Oil, Gas and Energy etc. Further, to promote internships in emerging sectors, Scheme guidelines have a provision that any company/bank/financial institution desirous of participating in the Scheme may approach the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), which would take a view keeping in view underrepresented sectors.

The PM Internship Scheme Portal (Portal) which serves as a centralized platform for end-to-end Scheme implementation and internship lifecycle management, is accessible in 12 different languages, to enhance inclusivity from different geographical regions of the country.

In the first round of the PMIS Pilot Project more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities have been provided by the Partner Companies across 745 districts in all States/ UTs.

As per the Guidelines of the PMIS- Pilot Project, a pool of candidates based on the number of applications received from all parts of the country, is shortlisted for each internship opportunity through the Portal. The shortlisting process is aimed at promoting diversity and social inclusivity in the internship program through providing for representation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes as well as Persons with Disabilities in the shortlist sent to the concerned company for further selection as per their respective processes and criterion. Further, 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. The Ministry is also carrying out Information, Education and Communication activities to reach out to the target groups across the country.
