

**ORAL ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS AND  
SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
THEREON**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 16\*  
ANSWERED ON TUESDAY THE 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

PRADHAN MANTRI INTERNSHIP SCHEME (PMIS) 2024-25

16\*. Smt. Mahua Maji:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has prepared a detailed action plan to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth under the Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme (PMIS) announced in the Budget 2024-25, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps being taken to partner with top 500 companies under this scheme; the details thereof;
- (c) whether this scheme would improve the employability skills and future employment opportunities of the youth, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of internships provided under this scheme, State-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

[SRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN]

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 16\* TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025 REGARDING 'PRADHAN MANTRI INTERNSHIP SCHEME (PMIS) 2024-25'

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) was announced in the Budget 2024-25. 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 2024-25. Guidelines containing details for Prime Minister's Internship Scheme - Pilot Project are available at <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in>.

The top 500 companies have been selected on the basis of the average Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expenditure in the last 3 years. Apart from these, any other company/ bank/ financial institution desirous of participating in the Scheme, may do so with the approval of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), which would take a view keeping in view underrepresented sectors and areas in the above mentioned 500 companies. The list of the partner companies is available at <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in>. Participation of the companies in this scheme is voluntary. The Ministry is working in active collaboration with industry associations for implementation of the Pilot Project.

(c) The Guidelines of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project provide that the duration of the Internship shall be 12 months, and at least half of the internship period must be spent in the actual working experience/ job environment, and not in the classroom. Thus, the PM Internship Scheme provides an opportunity to the youth to get training, gain experience and skills within the real-life environment of the businesses or organizations that helps in bridging the gap between academic learning and industry requirements, in turn, assisting enhancement of her/his employability.

(d) In Round I of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, about 1.27 lakh Internship Opportunities were offered by the partner companies across the country. State-wise details of internship opportunities provided by Partner Companies under the Round I of the PM Internship Scheme- Pilot Project are enclosed at Annexure-I.

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**ANNEXURE I of RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 16\*****STATE WISE DETAILS OF INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED IN PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME - PILOT PROJECT (ROUND-I)**

S.No	State	No. of Internship Opportunities
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	12
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	4973
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	156
4	ASSAM	3457
5	BIHAR	2802
6	CHANDIGARH	523
7	CHHATTISGARH	3334
8	DELHI	2470
9	GOA	1017
10	GUJARAT	11690
11	HARYANA	7764
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1254
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	761
14	JHARKHAND	3535
15	KARNATAKA	10022
16	KERALA	2807
17	LADAKH	72
18	LAKSHADWEEP	2
19	MADHYA PRADESH	5627
20	MAHARASHTRA	13664
21	MANIPUR	73
22	MEGHALAYA	55
23	MIZORAM	25
24	NAGALAND	45
25	ODISHA	5142
26	PUDUCHERRY	310
27	PUNJAB	2314
28	RAJASTHAN	4653
29	SIKKIM	254
30	TAMIL NADU	14585
31	TELANGANA	7913
32	THE DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI AND DAMAN AND DIU	232
33	TRIPURA	395
34	UTTAR PRADESH	9027
35	UTTARAKHAND	1966
36	WEST BENGAL	4577
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>127508</b>

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तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या. 16  
(जिसका उत्तर मंगलवार, 04 फरवरी, 2025 को दिया गया)

प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना, 2024-25

\*16. श्रीमती महुआ माजी:

क्या कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

- (क) क्या सरकार ने बजट 2024-25 में घोषित प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना (पीएमआईएस) के अंतर्गत एक करोड़ युवाओं को अवसर प्रदान करने के लिए विस्तृत कार्य योजना तैयार की है, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;
- (ख) इस योजना के तहत शीर्ष 500 कंपनियों के साथ साझेदारी करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;
- (ग) क्या इस योजना से युवाओं के रोजगार कौशल और रोजगार के भावी अवसरों में सुधार होगा, तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और
- (घ) इस योजना के अंतर्गत उपलब्ध करायी गयी इंटरनशिप का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है?

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(श्रीमती निर्मला सीतारमण)

(क) से (घ): विवरण सभा पटल पर रख दिया गया है।

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“प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना (पीएमआईएस) 2024-25” के संबंध में दिनांक 4 फरवरी, 2025 को उत्तरार्थ राज्यसभा तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 16\* के भाग (क), (ख), (ग) और (घ) के उत्तर में संदर्भित विवरण

(क) और (ख): बजट 2024-25 में प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना (पीएमआईएस) की घोषणा की गई थी। इसका उद्देश्य पांच वर्ष में शीर्ष 500 कंपनियों में एक करोड़ युवाओं को इंटरनशिप के अवसर प्रदान करना है। इस योजना की शुरुआत के रूप में, कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय ने 3 अक्टूबर, 2024 को योजना का एक पायलट प्रोजेक्ट शुरू किया है, जिसका लक्ष्य वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 में युवाओं को 1.25 लाख इंटरनशिप के अवसर प्रदान करना है। प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना-पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के ब्यौरे वाले दिशा-निर्देश <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध हैं।

शीर्ष 500 कंपनियों का चयन पिछले 3 वर्षों में औसत कारपोरेट सामाजिक दायित्व (सीएसआर) व्यय के आधार पर किया गया है। इनके अतिरिक्त, योजना में भाग लेने की इच्छुक कोई अन्य कंपनी/बैंक/वित्तीय संस्था कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय (एमसीए) के अनुमोदन से ऐसा कर सकती है, जो उपर्युक्त 500 कंपनियों में कम प्रतिनिधित्व वाले क्षेत्रों और क्षेत्रों को ध्यान में रखते हुए उन पर विचार करेगा। भागीदार कंपनियों की सूची <https://pminternship.mca.gov.in> पर उपलब्ध है। इस योजना में कंपनियों की भागीदारी स्वैच्छिक है। मंत्रालय पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के कार्यान्वयन के लिए उद्योग संघों के साथ उनके सक्रिय सहयोग से काम कर रहा है।

(ग): प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के दिशा-निर्देशों में यह प्रावधान है कि इंटरनशिप की अवधि 12 माह होगी और इंटरनशिप अवधि का कम से कम आधा समय वास्तविक कार्य अनुभव/कार्य वातावरण में व्यतीत किया जाना चाहिए न कि क्लासरूम में। इस प्रकार, पीएम इंटरनशिप योजना युवाओं को व्यवसायों या संगठनों के वास्तविक जीवन के माहौल में प्रशिक्षण प्राप्त करने, अनुभव और कौशल प्राप्त करने का अवसर प्रदान करती है जो अकादमिक लर्निंग और उद्योग की अपेक्षाओं के बीच की खाई को पाटने में मदद करती है, बदले में, उसकी रोजगार क्षमता को बढ़ाने में सहायता करती है।

(घ): प्रधानमंत्री इंटरनशिप योजना पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के प्रथम राउंड में देश भर में भागीदार कंपनियों द्वारा लगभग 1.27 लाख इंटरनशिप अवसरों की पेशकश की गई थी। पीएम इंटरनशिप योजना-पायलट प्रोजेक्ट के पहले राउंड के तहत भागीदार कंपनियों द्वारा प्रदान किए गए इंटरनशिप अवसरों का राज्य-वार विवरण अनुलग्नक-1 के रूप में संलग्न है।

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**राज्य सभा तारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 16\* का अनुलग्नक I**

**पीएम इंटरनशिप योजना - पायलट प्रोजेक्ट (राउंड- I) में दिए गए इंटरनशिप के अवसरों का राज्यवार विवरण**

क्र.सं.	राज्य	इंटरनशिप के अवसरों की संख्या
1	अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह	12
2	आंध्र प्रदेश	4973
3	अरुणाचल प्रदेश	156
4	असम	3457
5	बिहार	2802
6	चंडीगढ़	523
7	छत्तीसगढ़	3334
8	दिल्ली	2470
9	गोवा	1017
10	गुजरात	11690
11	हरियाणा	7764
12	हिमाचल प्रदेश	1254
13	जम्मू और कश्मीर	761
14	झारखंड	3535
15	कर्नाटक	10022
16	केरल	2807
17	लद्दाख	72
18	लक्षद्वीप	2
19	मध्य प्रदेश	5627
20	महाराष्ट्र	13664
21	मणिपुर	73
22	मेघालय	55
23	मिजोरम	25
24	नागालैंड	45
25	ओडिशा	5142
26	पुडुचेरी	310
27	पंजाब	2314
28	राजस्थान	4653
29	सिक्किम	254
30	तमिलनाडु	14585
31	तेलंगाना	7913
32	दादरा और नगर हवेली और दमन और दीव	232
33	त्रिपुरा	395
34	उत्तर प्रदेश	9027
35	उत्तराखंड	1966
36	पश्चिम बंगाल	4577
	<b>कुलयोग</b>	<b>127508</b>

(MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*)

SHRIMATI MAHUA MAJI: Sir, many Government Skill Development Programmes focus only on training but failed to ensure employment. What concrete measures is the Government taking under Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme to guarantee post-internship job placements or further career opportunities?

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Sir, internship has a different aspect from employment. Internship is to give the youth who till now have not found an opportunity or because of their lack of having enough exposure and skill sets, the Government wanted to give them the opportunity to get the internship or the exposure in the top 500 companies and, through that, with the exposure and with the internship having been completed, they will be in a better place to seek jobs. So, in the Budget of July, 2024, we came up with five different kinds of approaches—one to provide jobs, another to provide contribution from the Centre to make sure that the employers who already have number of employees can bring in additional employees where the Centre would give them support, both for employees and for employers. In those five approaches, one programme provides for internship and this scheme is meant for people who till then could not find an opportunity because either they are not skilled enough or they are not trained enough. Therefore, the intent of the programme itself is not to provide jobs but to provide an exposure and, through the internship, some kind of awareness of what is there in the market for which they have been trained. So, the intent itself was only to provide exposure and, in a very loose sense, some kind of skilling within the organisations. It was a part of the Government's attempt to provide jobs, at the same time, provide the readiness to those who are still not ready for the market. That was the intent of the scheme.

SHRIMATI MAHUA MAJI: Sir, with history of human trafficking and gender-based vulnerabilities, what specific safeguards are being implemented to ensure the safety and security of female interns under Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme? And, will there be any special provisions or reserved slots to encourage higher participation of women in the scheme?

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Sir, I will take this opportunity to say, both at the selection or the short-listing by the Government, through the website and also through the organisations themselves, picking up short-listed candidates, the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes, as per the

constitutional requirement, are being given their due place. We are also actively encouraging women over and above these three categories to apply and, with a general sense of consideration, they are provided with an opportunity by the companies to locate them within their district so that they do not need to travel too far or making sure that if not within the district, we are providing them different district within their State, and women have found it very useful. We have put out, through our handles, the experiences of young girls who have come up and taken these opportunities to say what these opportunities are given to them. And, almost on a daily basis, we are putting out videos and small clips of interns who are benefited, particularly, girls because that can encourage other women to come forward and take the opportunity.

SHRIMATI MOUSAM B. NOOR: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to request the hon. Minister to state whether it is true that, despite setting a target of 1,25,000 internships, only 10,000 internships have been provided under the PM Internship Scheme. If so, please explain why less than 10 per cent of the targeted internships have been provided and outline the Government's plan to address this issue.

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, one of the pilot projects, which commenced last year, had the industry offer of 1.27 lakh positions, providing opportunities to potential candidates. Then, potential candidates were asked to apply. And from then on, they were given the opportunity to choose within their district. Just as I explained a minute ago, if the opportunity is available within the district and they prefer to be there, they take it; otherwise, they move to another district where they want to go. So, in the process of taking the final offer - not giving the final offer, but the candidate taking the final offer - time lapses, and the opportunities and offers remain available. So, they are moving. Additionally, some companies are offering extra benefits, such as lunch or accommodation if they come from a different district, although this is not part of the tailored scheme. Companies themselves have come forward. So, when candidates get to know about these offers, they also want to change or move to a company that provides a better offer within their district. So, in this process, there is an evolving side of the story where the offers remain, and the students or candidates who come forward are trying to find their suitable choice. Even as this is happening with the first pilot, which started last year, the second pilot has commenced from January. Similarly, nearly 80 more companies have come forward with more offers. I am glad to say that among all the districts in the country, we have placed young people in various positions in nearly

743 districts. So, it is an evolving situation, and I am glad that within the first four months, after announcing the July Budget, we have received this kind of response.

**श्रीमती रजनी अशोकराव पाटिल:** सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से एक प्रश्न पूछना चाहती हूँ। पीएमआई स्कीम के अंतर्गत 2024-25 में एक करोड़ युवाओं को अवसर देने का इरादा है, जिसमें 500 कम्पनियां साझेदारी करेंगी। हमने अभी जो कैलकुलेट किया है, तो उसके अनुसार केवल 1.67 परसेंट लोगों ने उसको एक्सेप्ट किया है।

सर, मैं मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगी कि किस तरह से इस स्कीम के टारगेट को प्राप्त करने के लिए सरकार कोशिश करेगी? मुझे यह भी पूछना है कि मैडम, पांच हजार रुपये की राशि बहुत कम है...

**श्री उपसभापति:** यह सजेशन है। एक क्वेश्चन काफी है।

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Mr. Deputy Chairman Sir, I would like to first say that the initial stipend for an intern is Rs. 5,000 rupees, with the Government contributing Rs. 4,500 and the company adding 500. If this amount is insufficient, we will gather input and assess the situation. Currently, this is the Cabinet-approved amount, as presented in the July 2024 Budget. Regarding the hon. Member's first question, we are conducting a widespread awareness campaign. The Government is investing significant time to inform more young people about the initiative. We are encouraging candidates who have taken the offer to share their experiences through videos, inspiring others to participate.

Mr. Deputy Chairman Sir, I would like to take this opportunity to request all Members of Parliament in this August House to actively encourage youth in their respective States and constituencies to benefit from this initiative. We would be happy to take them through the scheme and its benefits, allowing them to choose the company and district they prefer. We limit candidates to three selections because they may say they don't want the first, they don't want the second, they don't want the third. They cannot go on doing this. We give them three offers. They can choose from them. So, I request all Members to inform youth in their areas about this opportunity. If they want us to take ten youths from their areas, we would be happy to take them onboard through a transparent process that is available on the website.

SHRI SUJEET KUMAR: Sir, no doubt, this is an excellent Scheme and the benefits of the Scheme should also accrue to our youths living in small towns and rural areas. The Finance Minister just mentioned that the Government is doing a lot to disseminate the Scheme. Sir, I would like to know, through you, from her: What are the facilities

being offered to ensure that youth from rural areas are able to take benefit of the Scheme? How does she foresee making this Scheme more popular in tribal areas of our country?

SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN: Sir, I do not want to say it a 'facility'. What this Scheme entails is, first, we spread the information. Then, we put out the list of offers which are there. Then, the companies which come forward, we also request them if they can offer more than the money which we are giving. The money that the Government is giving is Rs.4,500/- per month for 12 months and the companies, from their side, give Rs.500/- to this Rs.4,500/- and make it Rs.5,000/- for each month, for 12 months. And, once the young person joins this offer in some company, either within their district or within their State, a one-time amount of Rs.6,000/- is given to the young man or young woman, so that they can bear with their first initial expenditure. Beyond this, companies have come forward to give lunch, as I said, or, sometimes, accommodation also. And, sometimes, within the organization, they have a mentor who is going to tell them about how to go about it, what is it that the company does, what are the other things in the area in which he is working, beyond that area what are the companies' activities, etc. So, the mentorship is available in some companies and so on. So, these are the initial offerings which we made, for which there is response. On the specific question of how are we spreading it in tribal areas, the awareness campaigns that we hold, are in all languages of India. They are through radio, television or through paper advertisements. We are also doing a lot of social media campaign. But, I still would request all Members of Parliament to please avail this Scheme for people who are in your State or in your constituency.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Question No. 17.