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**INITIATIVES TO ENHANCE PM INTERNSHIP SCHEME
QUESTION**

162. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of initiatives taken by the Government to further enhance the PM Internship Scheme, particularly in terms of expanding the number of internships available, increasing sectoral representation and aligning the scheme with emerging industries and skill demands;

(b) whether the Government has identified barriers such as geographic, socio-economic or digital divides that prevent under-represented groups from participating in the PM Internship Scheme and if so, the details of targeted measures being considered to address these challenges, ensuring inclusivity and diversity among interns; and

(c) the details of these measures, including timelines, funding provisions, and collaborative frameworks with other stakeholders?

ANSWER

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

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(a): 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. 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.

(b) & (c): The PM Internship Scheme Portal (Portal) is accessible in 12 different languages, to enhance inclusivity from different geographical regions of the country. Further, 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.

An amount of Rs. 840 crores has been approved by the government for implementation of the PM Internship Scheme - Pilot Project. The first round of the Pilot Project commenced from 3rd October, 2024. The Second round of the PM Internship Scheme – Pilot Project has started from January 9th, 2025.

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.
