

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 424**

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**PARTICIPATION IN PMIS**

**QUESTION**

**424 Smt. Sajda Ahmed:**

**Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government has assessed the level of participation and acceptance of offers under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the Government has examined the reasons for such low acceptance of internship offers;**

**(d) if so, the details thereof;**

**(e) whether the Government is aware that interns have left the programme before completion;**

**(f) if so, the details thereof; and**

**(g) whether the Government proposes to revamp the PM Internship Scheme to improve participation and retention and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

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

**[SHRI HARSH MALHOTRA]**

**(a) & (b): Yes, the Government has assessed level of participation and acceptance of offers under the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS). In the Round I of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, more than 6.21 lakh applications were received from about 1.81 lakh candidates. Partner companies made over 82,000 internship offers to over 60,000 candidates and over 28,000 offers were accepted.**

**In the Round II of the PM Internship Scheme Pilot Project, over 4.55 lakh applications were received from over 2.14 lakh applicants, in this round. Partner companies made over 83,000 offers to over 71,000 candidates and over 24,600 offers were accepted.**

**(c) & (d): On the basis of concurrent evaluation, feedback survey 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 main reasons for low acceptance of internship offers 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.**

**(e) & (f): As on 27.01.2026, 7094 candidates have left the internship without completing in both the rounds of the PMIS Pilot Project.**

**(g): Pilot Project is a pivotal phase that has allowed for testing concepts, strategies and systems before a full-scale implementation. The full-scale roll-out of the PM Internship Scheme would be based on the feedback received from the stakeholder consultations and evaluation of outcomes during the implementation of the Pilot Project.**

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