

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS**

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Mandatory Stipend Framework for Law Interns

1114. Shri Praveen Khandelwal:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a regulatory framework mandating a minimum stipend or honorarium for law students interning with advocates, law firms, and corporate legal departments, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) whether the Government has held consultations with the Bar Council of India, Law Firms, and Legal Education Bodies regarding standardising internship conditions and preventing exploitation of interns, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any guidelines are proposed to ensure fair selection, transparent working conditions, and grievance redressal for interns; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including proposed implementation timeline, regulatory mechanism, and coverage across law institutions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE; AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

(SHRI ARJUN RAM MEGHWAL)

- (a) & (b) No such framework or guideline is presently under formulation by the Government.
- (c) & (d) Under the Advocates Act, 1961, the Bar Council of India has been given the mandate for the regulation of Legal Profession and to take out legal

reforms. In this regard, the Bar Council of India is presently engaged in the drafting of a Model Code of Legal Internships, which aims to ensure fairness, transparency, and accountability in the structure and administration of internships offered by legal practitioners, firms, and institutions.

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