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INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS

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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Department of Economic Affairs has formulated an internship programme for young scholars in the country;
- (b) if so, the salient features thereof; and
- (c) the number of students the Government proposes to enroll annually under the said programme ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) : With a view to ensuring interaction of officers of the Department with young scholars with brilliant academic background from reputed academic institutions in the country, the Department of Economic Affairs has formulated an Internship Programme, 2008-09

(b) : The salient features of the Programme are:

Eligibility: Students possessing first class graduation degree pursuing Post Graduation/high second class post-graduation degree (with at least 55% marks) pursuing Research courses in Economics/ Finance/ Management at National Schools of Economics/Central Universities/ Recognized Financial/ Economic Institutions/Recognized National Management Institutes can apply for internship. Students with at least 80% marks in 12th Standard pursuing five year integrated course in Law (only in fourth and fifth year of study) from the National Law Schools at Bangalore, Bhopal, Hyderabad and Kolkata are also eligible.

Duration : Duration of internship will be two months at different points of time during a year (other than December to February).

Token Remuneration : Token remuneration @ Rs.5,000/- per month per intern, payable at the end of the internship.

The details of the Programme are available on the website of the Ministry of Finance ([www. finmin.nic.in](http://www.finmin.nic.in))

(c) : The Department is permitted to accommodate not more than 15 interns in a financial year. For the present, the Programme is approved only for 2008-09.