

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN SOCCER
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote Indian Soccer in a big way;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) to (c): The promotion of a particular sports is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). As such the promotion of the game of soccer is the responsibility of All India Football Federation which is an autonomous body like other NSFs. However, Government supplements efforts of the Federations by providing assistance for foreign exposure, holding of national championships at senior, junior and sub-junior levels, organization of international tournaments, training/ coaching through Indian and foreign coaches, equipment, scientific and technical back up etc. under its Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations.