

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

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FOOTBALL

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

(a) whether the Government propose to formulate a scheme/programme to improve the level of domestic football to the international standard:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (c) : Promotion of a sport is primarily the responsibility of the concerned National sports federation (NSFs).Accordingly, it is for All India Football Federation (AIFF) to take steps to improve the level of domestic football to the international standard.However, the Government supplements the efforts of National Sports Federations by providing assistance for international exposure, holding of national/international sports events in India, procurement of sports equipments, training/coaching of national teams under Indian and foreign coaches and by providing requisite technical and scientific back up.