

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

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PROMOTION OF FOOTBALL

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

(a) whether there is any scheme to revive the sport of football in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to encourage the talented sports persons of rural areas, State-wise; and

(c) the funds allocated to promote the sport of football during the 11th Five Year Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) & (b): The primary responsibility for the development of various sports disciplines vests in the National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned, which in case of football is the All India Football Federation. The Government supplements their efforts through financial assistance for holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches, procurement of equipment and consumables etc. as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs). At state level, it is the responsibility of state level federations and the concerned state government to develop various sports disciplines. A special action plan has been approved for preparation of the football team for Asian Games, for which a sum of Rs. 7.34 crore has been approved.

(c) The Government does not allocate any fund for development of any particular sport. A budget provision of Rs.4636 crores has been made in the 11th Five Year Plan for sports development in general.