

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to include football in the curriculum of schools and colleges to promote the football sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to promote football amongst youth?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI JITENDRA SINGH)

(a) & (b): Primary responsibility for development and promotion of specific sports discipline in the country including in schools and colleges is that of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). All India Football Federation (AIFF) is the NSF recognized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports (MYAS) for development and promotion of Football in India.

MYAS supplements the efforts of the NSFs by way of providing financial assistance for participation in international competitions abroad, holding international competitions in India, conducting national championships, purchase of equipments, conduct of coaching camps, hiring of foreign coaches, development of sports infrastructure, etc. Sports and Games are already part of the activities of schools and colleges. School Games Federation of India (SGFI) and Association of Indian Universities (AIU) have also been granted recognition as National Sports Promotion Organizations (NSPOs) by MYAS and are being given grants by the Ministry on similar lines as that to NSFs. Football is part of the inter-school and inter-university tournaments conducted by SGFI and AIU.

(c) Requisite assistance in terms of development of infrastructure, training, coaching and preparation for participation in national and international sports events is being extended for promotion and development of sports including football under various schemes of the MYAS and Sports Authority of India (SAI) such as Panchayat Yuva Krida Aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme (USIS), National Sports Development Fund (NSDF), Talent Search & Training (TS&T), National Sports Talent Scheme (NSTC), Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC), SAI Training Centre (STC), Special Area Games (SAG) and Centre of Excellence (COE).