

**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 the Government supports the All India Football Federation's bid to host the U-17 Football World Cup in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate infrastructure is available in the country to host the event;
- (d) if not, the plans to build such infrastructure to host the world cup and promote football in the country;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to constitute a Committee comprising former national players for promoting football at international level; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Madam, it has been conveyed to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) that the Government supports the possibility that FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017 may be staged in the Country and the possible appointment by FIFA of the AIFF to stage and host the FIFA U-17 World Cup 2017.

(c) & (d) : Infrastructure for hosting the event exists in various parts of the Country. This can be further improved and strengthened, if required. Building of sports infrastructure including for football is an ongoing process.

(e) No, Madam.

(f) Does not arise.