

**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 proposes to start football premier league to make football popular in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it will be started?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) Madam, the primary responsibility of development and promotion of a sport including holding of various events and tournaments rests with the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs). Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance to the NSFs for procurement of equipment, holding national / international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training/ coaching of national level sportspersons/teams, etc.

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been recognized by the Government of India for promotion of football in the country. AIFF has informed that the I-League, the premier league of India is being organized by them since 2007. It is played among the 14 premier clubs of the country.

(c) Does not arise.