

**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 has prepared any scheme to encourage and promote football in the country including rural areas of Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and spent actually for promotion of football during the 11th Five Year Plan, state-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Madam, Promotion and development of any discipline of sport is the primary responsibility of the National Sports Federations (NSFs) and the State Governments concerned. The concerned NSF for promotion of football in the country including rural areas of Rajasthan is All India Football Federation (AIFF). The Government only supplements the efforts of the NSFs by providing financial assistance under the "Scheme of Assistance to NSFs" to the recognized NSFs 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.

In addition, the Government also provide financial assistance to Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society to promote football at school level. Allocation of funds is not made state-wise. An amount of Rs. 947.98 lakh has been spent by the Government on the development of football during the 11th Plan period under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs.

Apart from this, the Sports Authority of India is running the following schemes for promotion of sports including football in which training by experienced coaches with scientific back-up is provided to players to achieve excellence at national/international level.

(a) National Sports Talent Scheme (NSTC) (b) Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC) (c) SAI Training Centre (STC) (d) Special Area Games (SAG) (e) Centre of Excellence(COE) (f) Come and Play Scheme.