

**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 special scheme to promote football;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is planning to earmark the land for grounds for football and other sports; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. The primarily responsibility of promotion & development of sports disciplines including football rests with the concerned National Sports Federations (NSFs). Government of India supplements their efforts by providing, inter-alia, financial assistance to the NSFs for procurement of equipments and consumables, holding national/international sports events in India, participation of sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad and training/coaching of national level sportspersons/teams through Indian and foreign coaches as per agreed Long Term Development Plans (LTDPs) with the NSFs under the 'Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations'. For football, such assistance is being provided to the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

(c) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.