

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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POSTAGE STAMP ON FIFA WORLD CUP
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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has issued commemorative postage stamps on the FIFA World Cup 2014;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to host the under-17 FIFA World Cup; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the preparations for the said event?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)

- (a) Yes, Madam.
- (b) A commemorative postage stamp on 2014 FIFA World Cup was released by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on the 12th of June, 2014.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) During 2012, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) approached the Government seeking a declaration and guarantees from the Government of India in order to enable them to bid to host the Under-17 FIFA World Cup in India in the year 2017. Government of India considered the proposal of AIFF and furnished the declaration and Guarantees of the Government to FIFA as sought by AIFF. Much of the Infrastructure, required for hosting the event, is already in place.