

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-159
ANSWERED ON 02/02/2023

**DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM HOSTING ASIAN FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP**

159. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB:

Will the Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Football Federation (AIFF) has officially withdrawn from its bid to host Asian Football Championship in 2027;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government is re-considering its decision?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): Bidding to host international sports events in India is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation. As informed by the All India Football Federation (AIFF), it has officially withdrawn its bid to host AFC Asian Cup 2027. AIFF's current focus is on strengthening the football structure, including the grassroots development, in the country before proposing to host major international events of football in the country.
