

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-951
ANSWERD ON- 27/07/2023

**PROPOSAL FROM ARGENTINA FOOTBALL TEAM TO PLAY FRIENDLY
MATCHES IN INDIA**

951 SHRI PARIMALNATHWANI:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal from the world champion football team of Argentina to play friendly matches in India, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the top football body AIFF declined the proposal on the ground that the estimated expenditure of ₹ 32 crore plus was not affordable; and
- (c) whether the State Government of Kerala has proposed to host Argentina's team and organize matches in Kerala, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)

- (a) : Sir, Organizing national/ international sports events of a specific sports discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of Football is the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- (b) The AIFF has informed that they did not to decline organize friendly matches with the Argentina Football team, since there was no such proposal in the first place.
- (c) The AIFF has informed that there was no proposal from Government of Kerala to host the Argentina Team and to organize any matches in Kerala.
