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DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
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PROMOTION OF FOOTBALL

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

- (a) the details of financial assistance provided by the Central Government for promotion and development of football during the last five years, scheme-wise, State wise and year-wise;
- (b) the details of football infrastructure, academies, High Performance Centres and grassroots development programmes supported by Government, State-wise; and
- (c) whether Government has prepared a long-term roadmap to improve India's FIFA ranking and qualify for the FIFA World Cup through enhanced infrastructure, international collaborations and talent development programmes and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

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(a) Under the scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSFs), financial assistance is provided to National Sports Federations (NSFs), which in case of football is All India Football Federation (AIFF), 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, wholesome nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc.

Funds under the ANSF scheme are not allocated State/UT-wise. The details of financial assistance given to AIFF under the ANSF scheme during the last five years, are as under:

Financial Year	Allocated (in Cr.)	Expenditure (in Cr.)
2021-22	5.25	5.25
2022-23	15.00	14.49
2023-24	6.95	6.65
2024-25	8.78	7.68
2025-26	8.00	3.91

(b) & (c) “Sports” being a State subject, primary responsibility for creation of sports infrastructure, talent identification, is that of the State Governments/Union Territories. The

Central Government through its various schemes supplements their efforts. Accordingly, a total of 25 football fields, 55 Khelo India Centres (KICs) and 25 Khelo India Accredited Academies (KIAAs), have been approved, for football, across the country. Further, football is one of the recognized disciplines under the Sports Authority of India (SAI)'s Sports Promotional Schemes. Athletes selected under the schemes are provided support in accordance with the approved scheme norms, including boarding and lodging, coaching by qualified coaches, sports science and medical support, sports equipment, training infrastructure, field-of-play facilities, education, competition exposure and other allied facilities, as per the approved scheme norms. At present 527 athletes of football discipline are being trained at various SAI centres across the country.

The primary responsibility of promotion and development of specific sports disciplines, including evaluation of performance and taking corrective measures, is that of the concerned NSF. Further, Rankings of football teams are dynamic and influenced by match results, strength of opposition, and frequency of matches. SAI, an autonomous body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, regularly engages with the AIFF to review the performance and overall development of the sport and provides its advice accordingly.

The plans / proposals of the NSFs relating to training, competitive exposure, coaches and support personnel, including foreign coaches, for preparing sportspersons/teams for the international events, including mega-sports events such as the Olympics, the Asian Games etc. are deliberated and finalized in the form of an Annual Calendar for Training and Competition (ACTC), for consideration under ANSF.
