

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS
RAJYA SABHA
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PREPARATIONS FOR QUALIFYING IN FIFA WORLD CUP

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

- (a) whether the Bharat's preparation of playing "FIFA world cup" tournament comes under the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047;
- (b) the strategic preparations made for qualifying "FIFA world cup" under the Mission; and
- (c) the details of roadmap taken by the Ministry for encouraging football in the country under the Mission?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) to (c) The vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 envisages transforming India into a developed nation by 2047, including through the promotion of sports and the development of a strong sporting ecosystem. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports continues to support the promotion and development of sports through its various schemes and programmes.

Participation of a country's football team in the FIFA World Cup is subject to qualification in accordance with the criteria prescribed by FIFA. The All India Football Federation (AIFF), being the recognised National Sports Federation for football, is responsible for the promotion and development of football in the country and for the preparation of the National Teams. AIFF on its website <https://www.the-aiff.com/> has published its Vision 2047 – The Indian Football Strategic Roadmap (2023–2047) outlining its long-term strategy for the development of football in India.

The Ministry extends support to AIFF under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) and other applicable schemes, including support for coaching, training, competition exposure and sports science.
