

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON-23/07/2026

PROMOTION OF FOOTBALL

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Will the MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any ongoing scheme to promote Football and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and utilised during the last five years;
- (c) the reasons why the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has resolved to change its name to the Football Federation of Bharat (FFB); and
- (d) the benefits this name change would bring to the Indian Football?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
(DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA)

(a) & (b) The primary responsibility of promotion and development of specific sports disciplines is that of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF). The Ministry has recognized All India Football Federation (AIFF) for the promotion and development of football sport discipline in the country. The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports and the Sports Authority of India (SAI), supplements the efforts of the State Governments and concerned NSFs through various schemes for identification, nurturing and development of talented sportspersons across different age groups. These schemes include:

- i. Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federation;
- ii. Khelo India Scheme;
- iii. National Centres of Excellence (NCOE);
- iv. SAI Training Centres (STC);
- v. Extension Centres of STC; and
- vi. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC), including its sub-schemes.

Football is one of the recognized disciplines under SAI's Sports Promotional Schemes. Athletes selected under the schemes are provided support, 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.

Details of financial assistance given to AIFF under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations during the last five years, are given in the table below:

FY	Allocation (in cr.)	Expenditure (in Cr.)
2021-2022	5.25	5.25
2022-2023	15.00	14.49
2023-2024	6.95	6.65
2024-2025	8.78	7.68
2025-2026	8.00	3.91

Further, under the Khelo India Scheme, ASMITA (Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action) League, a key initiative for promoting sports among women, and SPANDAN (Sports Peace and Development Across Nation) League, a key initiative aimed at fostering social harmony, providing peace and promoting sports among youth in border and conflict-affected regions, are being conducted. In the last five years, a total of ₹7,39,19,000/- and ₹34,00,000/-, have been utilised for football discipline, under ASMITA and SPANDAN, respectively.

(c) & (d) The proposal to change the name of the All India Football Federation to the Football Federation of Bharat (FFB) is an internal matter of the Federation. The Government has no role in it.
