

**Government of India  
Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports  
Department of Sports**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1723  
TO BE ANSWERD ON 20.12.2018**

**Football Clubs in ISL**

**1723. SHRI PRASUN BANERJEE:**

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

- (a) whether the East Bengal and Mohun Bagan football clubs are likely to join Indian Super League (ISL);**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take up the matter with ISL; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
[COL. RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (RETD.)]**

**(a) to (d): Indian Super League (ISL) is a franchisee based league set up by All India Football Federation (AIFF) in conjunction with its marketing partners. The Government has no direct role in it. All the decisions with respect to participation in ISL are taken by the AIFF Executive Committee keeping in mind contractual obligations.**

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