

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS)**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 843
ANSWERED ON 07.02.2023**

Improving Football Infrastructure

843. SHRI RAHUL GANDHI:

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

(a) whether the Government is planning to develop Malappuram into a major football hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of initiatives being taken by the Government to improve the football infrastructure in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency particularly in Malappuram;

(d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government/ State Sports Authority to develop FIFA standard natural turf football ground in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of overall support being provided by the Government to improve football training facilities in Kerala particularly in Wayanad Parliamentary Constituency?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
{ SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR }**

(a) & (b) No, Sir.

(c) 'Sports' being a State subject, the responsibility of development of sports infrastructure, rests primarily with the State/ Union Territory

Governments. Central Government supplements their efforts. Under, the Khelo India Scheme, 2 Khelo India Centres, including one in Malappuram and a sports academy in the discipline of football has been accredited, in the State of Kerala.

(d) & (e) No Sir.

(f) As mentioned in (c) above.
