

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2023**

Encouraging in Football

1495. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

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

- (a) whether the Government is encouraging football in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to start football academies in the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to host football world cup in the country; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR]**

(a) & (b): Promotion of specific sports discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of Football, is All India Football Federation (AIFF). The Government supplements the efforts of AIFF by providing financial assistance for training and participation of Indian teams in international tournaments abroad, holding of national and

international tournaments in India, purchase of equipment, training of national teams/sportspersons under Indian and foreign coaches with requisite technical & scientific back up. The sport of Football has been placed in the “Priority” category so that it gets maximum assistance under the Scheme of Assistance to the NSFs.

Sports Authority of India is also implementing the following Sports Promotional Schemes to promote various sports including Football among across the country including eastern and north eastern parts to identify talented sportspersons in the various age groups and nurture them to excel at national and international competitions:-

- National Centres of Excellence (NCOE)**
- SAI Training Centre (STC)**
- Extension Centre of STC**
- National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)**

(c) & (d): A Total of 15 Football Academies have already been accredited under Khelo India Scheme so far. The details of the same are provided at Annexure.

(e) & (f): Organizing national/ international sports events of a specific sports discipline is the responsibility of the concerned National Sports Federation (NSF), which in the case of football is the All India Football Federation (AIFF). The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports supplements the efforts of AIFF by providing financial assistance and other forms of support towards its sporting activities including hosting of the international events in India.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (C) & (D) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1495 TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/12/2023 ASKED BY SHRI ANTO ANTONY REGARDING ENCOURAGING IN FOOTBALL

Khelo India Accredited Football Academies

SN	Accredited Academies	Residential / Non-Residential	State/UT
1	Aditya School of Sports, Barasat North 24 PGS (Boys & Girls)	Residential	West Bengal
2	Chandigarh Football Academy, Sports Complex Hockey Stadium (Boys)	Residential	Chandigarh
3	Hindustan Aeronautics Limited Football Academy, Bengaluru (Boys)	Residential	Karnataka
4	JGI Sports School, Bangalore Karnataka, (Boys & Girls)	Residential	Karnataka
5	Jharkhand State Sports Promotion Society, Mega Sports Complex, Khelgaon, Hotwar, Ranchi (Boys & Girls)	Residential	Jharkhand
6	Lalji Memorial Omega International School, Chennai (Boys & Girls)	Residential	Tamil Nadu
7	Minerva Academy Football Club, Chandigarh (Boys & Girls)	Residential	Chandigarh
8	NCOE Guwahati (Boys)	Non-Residential	Assam
9	NCOE Imphal (Boys & Girls)	Residential	Manipur
10	NCOE LNCPE (Boys)	Residential	Kerala
11	SE Transtadia Academy, Ahmedabad (Boys & Girls)	Non-Residential	Gujarat
12	SESA Football Academy, Goa (Boys)	Residential	Goa
13	Th. Birachandra Singh Football Academy, Imphal (Boys & Girls)	Non-Residential	Manipur
14	Youth Football Club Rurka Kalan, Jalandhar, Punjab (Boys)	Residential	Punjab
15	Sudeva Delhi Football Club, Civil lines	Residential	Delhi