

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2026**

Proposal for Renaming AIFF

1171. ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:

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

(a) whether the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has submitted a proposal before the Government for renaming the Federation and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the Government has examined the said proposal and taken any decision and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the drastic decline in the standard of football in the country and the continuous drop in India's FIFA ranking, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether it is the priority of the Government to change the name of the Federation instead of taking corrective measures for the betterment of football?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
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(a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) Promotion and development of a specific sport 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 Government supplements the efforts of the NSFs, including AIFF, through its various scheme. Training, preparations and competitive exposure of football players are taken care of under the Scheme of Assistance to NSFs. Indian football players are provided all requisite facilities for their preparations, including a wholesome nutritious diet, equipment, state-of-the-art infrastructure, lodging, travelling facilities, services of reputed Indian and Foreign Coaches/supporting staff, scientific & medical support, sports kit, etc., besides financial assistance for their training abroad and participation in international competitions in India and abroad. Further, FIFA ranking is dynamic in nature depends on results of FIFA recognized international matches. As per latest FIFA world ranking available on FIFA's website (www.fifa.com), Indian Men team is placed at 138 and Women team is placed at 69.

(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.
