

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2477
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.12.2025**

Football Match Invitations to Argentina Team

2477. ADV DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

(a) whether the Government has given any official invitation to the Argentina Football Team for official matches in the country;

(b) if so, the details along with the venues and the dates thereof;

(c) whether All India Football Federation (AIFF) has allowed any private organisations to invite the Argentina National Football team for playing matches in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
[DR. MANSUKH MANDAVIYA]**

(a) No Sir

(b) The question doesn't arise.

(c) & (d) All India Football Federation (AIFF) has informed that it received an email from Government of Kerala seeking FIFA's approval for hosting an Argentina vs. Australia friendly match in Kerala, India, during the FIFA Window of 10th-18th November 2025. In

response, AIFF forwarded this request to FIFA and Asian Football Confederation. AIFF also received a request from Football Australia seeking support and cooperation from AIFF in facilitating all necessary permissions, approvals, formal clearances, and procedural requirements related to the match.

As informed by AIFF, on 27th October 2025, Football Australia formally withdrew its application for the match.
