

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3869  
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MEETING WITH STATE SPORTS MINISTERS  
Pratap Narayanrao Shri Sonawane

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

- (a) whether the Government has organised/proposes to organise meetings/ summits of State Sports Ministers to formulate special strategy for the improvement of sports in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the other steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PRATIK PRAKASHBAPU PATIL)

(a) to (c): Two meetings of State Ministers of Youth Affairs and Sports were held in July 2008 and August 2009. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 07-09-2010. This has provided an effective platform to address various concerns such as integration of physical education and sport with formal education, creation of basic Sports facilities at the grassroots level, holding organized sports Competitions at all levels, creation of community sports centres, training facilities, etc.