

At Rs 15 cr, Virat Kohli highest paid in IPL, pips MS Dhoni

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RCB captain [Virat Kohli](#) gets Rs 15 crore as the IPL salary. (Source: IPL)

Virat Kohli and not MS [Dhoni](#) is the highest paid cricketer in the Indian Premier League (IPL), according to figures released by the Indian cricket board pertaining to players who have been retained by their respective teams. Kohli is among the players who are getting more than the amount his team was deducted from their purse for the upcoming IPL auction.

In the case of the Indian Test skipper, Royal Challengers Bangalore purse was lighter by Rs 12.5 crores, but according to 'actual salary details of retained players' published on the BCCI website, the team is paying Kohli Rs 15 crore. Dhoni, who was picked up by the Sanjeev Goenka owned Pune team during the player draft will get Rs 12.5 crore.

Mumbai Indians' Harbhajan Singh and Ambati Rayudu are two other players who are getting more than what their teams were docked from the purse.

While Mumbai Indians were docked Rs 5.5 crore for retaining Harbhajan and Rs 4 crores for retaining Rayudu, they are being paid Rs 8 crore and Rs 6 crore respectively. West Indian batsman Chris Gayle and South African Faf du Plessis are among international gainers.

Among those who have taken cut are Manan Vohra, who has been retained by Kings XI Punjab. Rohit Sharma, Gautam Gambhir are also among those who are getting paid less when compared to the purse deductions. Each of the IPL teams have to shell out at least Rs 40 crore and cannot spend more than Rs 66 crore. But for each player retained, specific amounts are deducted from the auction purse.

For the first capped player retained a team has to forego Rs 12.5 crore from its auction purse. For the next four, a team is deducted Rs 9.5 crore, Rs 7.5 crore, Rs 5.5 crore and Rs 4 crore.

Here is the complete list of players and their actual salaries:

David Miller (KXIP)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 50,000,000.00

Manan Vora India (KXIP)

Purse deduction – Rs 40,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 3,500,000.00

Gautam Gambhir (KKR)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 100,000,000.00

Sunil Narine (KKR)

Purse deduction – Rs 95,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 80,000,000.00

Rohit Sharma (MI)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 115,000,002.00

Keiron Pollard (MI)

Purse deduction – Rs 95,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 97,000,000.00

Lasith Malinga (MI)

Purse deduction – Rs 75,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 81,000,000.00

Harbhajan Singh (MI)

Purse deduction – Rs 55,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 80,000,000.00

Ambati Rayudu (MI)

Purse deduction – Rs 40,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 60,000,000.00

Virat Kohli (RCB)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 150,000,000.00

A B deVilliers (RCB)

Purse deduction – Rs 95,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 95,000,000.00

Chris Gayle (RCB)

Purse deduction – Rs 75,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 84,000,000.00

Shikhar Dhawan (SRH)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 125,000,000.00

M S Dhoni (Team Pune)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 125,000,000.00

Ajinkya Rahane (Team Pune)

Purse deduction – Rs 95,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 80,000,000.00

R Ashwin (Team Pune)

Purse deduction – Rs 75,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 75,000,000.00

Steven Smith (Team Pune)

Purse deduction – Rs 55,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 40,000,000.00

Faf du Plessis (Team Pune)

Purse deduction – Rs 40,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 47,500,000.00

Suresh Raina (Team Rajkot)

Purse deduction – Rs 125,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 95,000,000.00

Ravindra Jadeja (Team Rajkot)

Purse deduction – Rs 95,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 55,000,000.00

Brendon McCullum (Team Rajkot)

Purse deduction – Rs 75,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 32,500,000.00

James Faulkner (Team Rajkot)

Purse deduction – Rs 55,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 51,000,000.00

Dwayne Bravo (Team Rajkot)

Purse deduction – Rs 40,000,000.00

Actual salary – Rs 40,000,000.00