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# Virat Kohli highest paid player in IPL, outscores Dhoni, Dhawan

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Virat Kohli. (TOI Photo)

NEW DELHI: India Test skipper Virat Kohli was among the few cricketers who received a higher actual salary according to the salary details of the retained IPL players listed by BCCI on Friday.

Kohli's actual salary in Royal Challengers Bangalore was listed as Rs 15 crore while the purse deduction amount was Rs 12.50 crore in the list put up by BCCI on its website, just days ahead of the Lodha Committee's reform report on January 4.

India's limited over skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who was bought by Pune recently, however, had the same actual salary and purse deduction of Rs 12.50 crore while playing for Chennai Super Kings.

Among other Indians, Harbhajan Singh (Rs 5.50 crore vs 8 crore) and Ambati Rayudu (Rs 4 vs Rs 6 crore) were the top gainers according to the list put up

by BCCI as a part of its recent attempts to ensure transparency.

West Indies batsman Chris Gayle (Rs 7.50 crore vs Rs 8.40) and South African allrounder Faf du Plessis (Rs 40,000,000 vs Rs 47,500,000) were the gainers among international cricketers.

However, like Dhoni, South Africa's ODI skipper AB de Villiers (95,000,000), Shikhar Dhawan (125,000,000), R Ashwin (75,000,000), West Indies' Dwayne Bravo (40,000,000) too didn't see any change in their actual salaries.

There were also many cricketers whose actual salary slumped. Kings XI Punjab duo of David Miller (125,000,000 vs 50,000,000) and Manan Vora (40,000,000 vs 3,500,000) and Kolkata Knight Riders' Gautam Gambhir (125,000,000 vs 100,000,000) and Sunil Narine (Rs 95,000,000 vs 80,000,000) saw their actual salary go down.

Mumbai Indians cricketers, West Indies' Keiron Pollard (Rs 95,000,000 vs Rs 97,000,000) and Sri Lanka's Lasith Malinga (Rs 75,000,000 vs Rs 81,000,000) also has a higher actual salary according to the BCCI list.

Four players who were recently bought by Team Rajkot, namely Suresh Raina (Rs 125,000,000 vs Rs 95,000,000), Ravindra Jadeja (Rs 95,000,000 vs Rs 55,000,000), New Zealand's Brendon McCullum (Rs 75,000,000 vs Rs 32,500,000) and Australia's James Faulkner (Rs 55,000,000 vs Rs 51,000,000) were among those who had a lower actual salary.

Team Pune's Ajinkya Rahane (Rs 95,000,000 vs Rs 80,000,000) and Steven Smith (Rs 55,000,000 vs Rs 40,000,000) too were among the cricketers who would be paid less actual salary by their franchise according to the BCCI list.

This is the first time since the introduction of the retention system in 2010 that BCCI have disclosed the actual remuneration paid to the retained players. The retention system allows teams to sign a certain number of players from their squad ahead of the auction.

Sr. No	Team	Player	Country	Purse Deduction (INR)	Actual Salary (INR)
1	KXIP	David Miller	South Africa	125,000,000.00	50,000,000.00
2	KXIP	Manan Vora	India	40,000,000.00	3,500,000.00
3	KKR	Gautam Gambhir	India	125,000,000.00	100,000,000.00
4	KKR	Sunil Narine	West Indies	95,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
5	MI	Rohit Sharma	India	125,000,000.00	115,000,002.00
6	MI	Keiron Pollard	West Indies	95,000,000.00	97,000,000.00
7	MI	Lasith Malinga	Sri Lanka	75,000,000.00	81,000,000.00
8	MI	Harbhajan Singh	India	55,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
9	MI	Ambati Rayudu	India	40,000,000.00	60,000,000.00
10	RCB	Virat Kohli	India	125,000,000.00	150,000,000.00
11	RCB	A B deVilliers	South Africa	95,000,000.00	95,000,000.00
12	RCB	Chris Gayle	West Indies	75,000,000.00	84,000,000.00
13	SRH	Shikhar Dhawan	India	125,000,000.00	125,000,000.00
14	Team Pune	M S Dhoni	India	125,000,000.00	125,000,000.00
15	Team Pune	Ajinkya Rahane	India	95,000,000.00	80,000,000.00
16	Team Pune	R Ashwin	India	75,000,000.00	75,000,000.00
17	Team Pune	Steven Smith	Australia	55,000,000.00	40,000,000.00
18	Team Pune	Faf du Plessis	South Africa	40,000,000.00	47,500,000.00
19	Team Rajkot	Suresh Raina	India	125,000,000.00	95,000,000.00
20	Team Rajkot	Ravindra Jadeja	India	95,000,000.00	55,000,000.00
21	Team Rajkot	Brendon McCullum	New Zealand	75,000,000.00	32,500,000.00
22	Team Rajkot	James Faulkner	Australia	55,000,000.00	51,000,000.00
22	Team Rajkot	Dwayne Bravo	West Indies	40,000,000.00	40,000,000.00

(Courtesy: BCCI)