

Press Release
Sports Authority of India

Manoj Kumar, a boxer in the 69 kg weight category has alleged that he has not received financial assistance from the Sports Authority of India to treat his injury. This is factually incorrect. The position is as follows:

- 1) Boxer Manoj Kumar was part of the TOP Scheme from 2016 till Asian Games 2018. During this time, he received Rs 24.8 lakhs from TOPS. This also includes Rs 60,000 that was paid towards treatment for his hip injury at the Kokilaben Dhirubani Ambani Hospital in September 2018. This assistance is in addition to the government support he received in National Camps from 2015-2018.
- 2) SAI has not received any proposal from Manoj Kumar seeking financial assistance of Rs 5, 30,400 for his treatment. The proposal was sent to the Boxing Federation of India in November 2018, SAI was marked on the communication sent to BFI, only for information.
- 3) After the Asian Games, as there were reports of his injury, a detailed review of his performance was done
- 4) by the High Performance Director of BFI and submitted to SAI. Manoj Kumar could therefore not be included in the National Coaching Camp in NIS, Patiala.
- 5) He is under review for inclusion in the TOP Scheme, which will depend on a detailed analysis of his performance and probability of him making a podium finish at Tokyo 2020.