



## **Press Statement**

**New Delhi, 2nd June:** Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's travel plans to France has been delayed by few days as India is currently placed as a high-risk country with COVID-19 infection and thus a person travelling to France requires an internal authorisation letter (Laissez-passer) issued by French Interior Ministry to travel.

Even though Neeraj and his team got their visa on Friday, he is yet to get the above-mentioned authorisation letter. Accordingly, his travel plans have been rescheduled and SAI is in regular touch with officials of MEA, who are further pursuing the matter with the Indian Embassy in Paris. The required authorisation letter by the French interior ministry is expected soon.

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