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New Delhi:BAI ensures that players start getting their IBL dues; instructs Sporty Solutionz to take immediate action:

Following media reports of non-payment of due by certain Vodafone Indian Badminton League

franchisee, the Badminton Association of India has immediately taken up the issue with the concerned parties and

has instructed that the disbursement of the players' dues should be done immediately.

BAI president Dr Akhilesh Das Gupta personally directed events management firm Sporty Solutionz to ensure that the players' payment was released immediately.

"We were shocked when we read the media reports about non-payment of dues to the players. I personally have asked the Events Company to ensure all payments are cleared immediately and no player should complain," Dr Das Gupta said on Wednesday.

Dr Das Gupta, who is also the Chairman of the Governing Council, insisted that the Governing Council would soon put a mechanism in place to ensure that such problems don't arise from the next edition.

"We are monitoring the situation closely till all payments are made to players. Any faltering will be dealt strongly and actions will be taken. We will also discuss the issue during the next Governing Council meeting and put a full proof mechanism in place," said Dr Das Gupta, who is also a Member of Parliament.

"One solution could be to take a bank guarantee from the team owners before the start of the next edition. However, the final decision will have to be taken only after the meeting of the Governing council," he added.