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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners-I Division
(Computer Cell)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 01.02.2024

To

Dr. Angoori Gnaneshwar Rao,
Organizing Secretary,
DERMACON,
IMA Building, 1st Floor, Sultan Bazar,
Hyderabad- 500027, Telangana

Subject:- "DERMACON 2024" the 52nd National Conference of Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL), from 22nd to 25th February, 2024 at HICC & HITEX Convention Center, Hyderabad.

Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. nil dated 28.12.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions contained in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for the event only if (i) there are foreign participants from the **PRC Countries i.e. Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani Origin and Stateless persons** or (ii) **the venue of the event falls under RAP/PAP area**. The Organiser of such events needs to apply to MHA on its online event clearance platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for obtaining the security clearance of MHA. Necessary instruction in this regard is annexed as Annexure-'A' for reference and future compliance.

2. For events, other than the two categories mentioned above, Indian Missions are authorised to issue '**Conference Visa**' to the Foreign Participants.

Yours sincerely

Raj Kumar Sah
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Section Officer (CC)

Ministry of Home Affairs on 02nd May, 2018 has launched online Event Clearance Platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for grant of online security clearance to the conference/seminar/workshop being organized in India by a Ministry or Department of the Government of India, State Governments or UT Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities or private institutions or NGOs. The organizers are required to register themselves and apply for grant of the security clearance using the online system. A detailed FAQ, Dos, Don'ts and User Manual are available at the website for better understanding of the user. No offline/physical application form requesting for grant of Security Clearance will be entertained now onwards.

2. The organizers are required to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of security clearance to organize conference/seminar/workshop in India only in the following two categories:

- (i) If any participant is from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons (PRC Category) and
- (ii) Any participants of conferences /seminars/workshops are required to visit 'Restricted' or 'Protected' areas in India, or areas affected by terrorism, militancy and extremism etc. viz. Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States (Other than States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland)