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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Foreigners-I Division  
(Computer Cell)  
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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium  
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To

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**Subject:- ISSS-IASSA 2026 Conference themed 'Worldwide Wisdom in Sleep Surgery: A Global Perspective' from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2026 at JW Marriott, Sahar, Mumbai.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 31.10.2025 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions outlined in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for an event only if, (i) there are foreign participants from **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 faithfully

  
(Shashi Kant Kumar)  
Section Officer (CC)

Ministry of Home Affairs on 02<sup>nd</sup> 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)