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Subject:- 37th National Conference of the Indian Association of Surgical Oncology, "NATCON 2024" from 26th to 29th September, 2024 at the Clark's Convention Centre, Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 31.07.2024 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

(Raj Kumar Sah)
Section Officer (CC)