

F. No. 42180123/CC-199
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 21.06.2018

To

Dr. Vikram Mathews
Organising Secretary
HAEMATOCON 2018 (ISHBT)
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Subject:- 59th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Haematology and Blood Transfusion (HAEMATOCON 2018) from 25th to 28th October, 2018 at Lulu Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Kerala.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your letter no. nil dated 01.06.2018 on the above mentioned subject, I am directed to convey that in the light of extant instructions contained in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required only for the foreign participants from the Prior Reference Countries i.e. **Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani Origin and Stateless persons**. Since there are no participants from the PRC category in the above mentioned event / list, accordingly event clearance from MHA is not required for Conference Visa. **Indian Missions are authorised** to issue conference visas with due diligence only after scrutinizing the case on its merits to foreign delegates on production of an invitation to a conference/ seminar / workshop being organised in India as per the provisions in Visa Manual.

2. It is further informed that Ministry of Home Affairs has launched an online event clearance platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for grant of security clearance for organizing an event. Necessary instruction in this regards is annexed as Annexure-'A' for reference and future compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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