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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & PD

Department of Consumer Affairs

उपभोक्ता मामले विभाग

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi,

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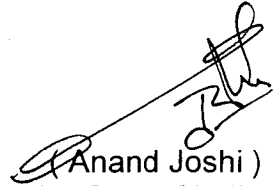
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SUBJECT:- Launch of an online **Event Clearance Portal for grant of security clearance to Conferences/Seminars/Workshops being organized in India reg.**

The undersigned is directed to refer to DO Letter No.42180239/CC/2018, dated 27-09-2018 from the Joint Secretary (Foreigners), Ministry of Home Affairs on the above mentioned subject and to forward herewith the instructions to be followed by all event organizing department/organization/University/Institution to approach Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of security clearance to organize Conferences/Seminars/Workshops in India, effective from 1-10-2018.

2. All concerned are requested to do the needful for compliance with the above instructions.

Encl-a/a



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D.O.No.42180239/CC/2018

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Sub: Launch of an online Event Clearance Portal for grant of security clearance – reg.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to intimate that on May 2, 2018 the Ministry of Home Affairs had launched an online Event Clearance Platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for grant of online security clearance to Conferences/Seminars/Workshops being organised in India by a Ministry/Department of the Government of India or State Government or UT Administration or Public Sector Undertakings or Central Educational Institutions/Public Funded Universities or Private Institutions or NGOs. The organisers are required to register themselves and apply for grant of security clearance using this website. User-friendly features like FAQ, Dos and Don'ts and User Manual are available there.

2. The organisers are required to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of security clearance to organise conference/seminar/workshop in India only if the event falls in any of the following two or both categories:-

- (i) If any participant is a national of Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan or a foreigner of Pakistani origin or a Stateless person. It constitutes the Prior Reference Category (PRC).
- (ii) If any participant of conference/seminar/workshop is required to visit any 'Restricted' or 'Protected' areas in India as notified by the MHA (available on the website <https://mha.gov.in> when we go to Foreigners Division page) or any areas affected by terrorism, militancy and extremism etc. viz. whole of Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States (Other than the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland).

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3. All the stakeholders were requested vide this Ministry's OM of even no. dated 21.05.2018 (copy enclosed) to sensitise the concerned officials dealing with the subject for effective use of the online portal. An advisory dated 24.08.2018 (copy enclosed) has also been issued to all the stakeholders stating that no request for grant of security clearance for conduct of events in offline mode will be entertained by this Ministry after 30.09.2018.

4. In view of the position stated above, I request you to kindly sensitise the concerned officers in your Ministry/Department for effective use of the portal and apply only in the online mode for security clearance of any event for subsequent visa clearance of any foreign participants. This Ministry would not accept any applications made in offline mode after 30.09.2018.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Anil Malik)

✓ All Secretaries in the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

Secretary (R), Cabinet Secretariat.

All Chief Secretaries of States and UTs.

Director, IB.

All Heads of Indian Missions.

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F. No. 25022/8/2018-FCC
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

National Stadium, Outer Circle of India Gate,
New Delhi dated the 27th Aug, 2018.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub : Launch of an online Event Clearance Portal for grant of security clearance –reg.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's OM of even no. dated 21.5.2018 (copy enclosed) wherein all stakeholders had been sensitized about the use of online Event Clearance Platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for grant of online security clearance for conduct of the Conference/ Seminars/ Workshop.

2. It has been noticed that even after lapse of more than 3 months of launch of this portal, stakeholders are sending requests to the Ministry through offline mode.

3. Accordingly, it has been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority that no requests for grant of security clearance for conduct of events in offline mode will be entertained after 30.09.2018.

4. It is, therefore, requested that concerned officers dealing with the subject may kindly be sensitized for effective use of portal.

Encl : As above.

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To

1. All Indian Missions/ Posts abroad.
2. All Secretaries in the Ministries/ Departments of the Govt. of India
3. Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.
4. Principal Secretary (Home) of all State Governments/ UT Administrations.
5. FRROs- Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kochi, Thiruvanthapuram, Calicut, Goa, Lucknow and Ahmedabad.
6. JS(CPV), MEA, Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi- with the request to convey the above information to all Indian Missions and Posts abroad.
7. NIC, MHA : for uploading this OM under 'what's new section' on the MHA website.

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