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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS  
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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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,



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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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