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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners-I Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 26.06.2023

To

Prof. Nagesh N.S. Gowda,
Organizing Secretary,
Institute of Gastroenterology,
Sciences and Organ Transplant (IGOT),
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Bangalore-560002

Subject:- A-PHPBA 2023- 9th Biennial Congress of the Asian-Pacific Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association 2023 from 27th to 30th September, 2023 at Hilton Hotel, Bengaluru.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. nil dated 21.06.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions contained in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for the event only if, (i) there are foreign participants from the **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 sincerely


(Tarun Kumar)
Section Officer (CC)