

To

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Subject:- Fourteenth World Congress of Bioethics and Seventh National Conference on "Health for All in an Unequal World: Obligations of Global Bioethics from 03rd to 07th December, 2018 at Bengaluru.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no nil dated 07.04.2018 on the above mentioned subject and to convey this Ministry's 'no objection' in principle for obtaining Conference Visa for foreign participants in the above mentioned event(s) subject to usual checks as prescribed

- The organisers are also requested to obtain Political clearance from Ministry of External Affairs and necessary clearance from various other authorities **including state police authorities from Law & Order point of view** in connection with the event.
- The foreign participant should submit online application for visa at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in immediately.**
- Indian Missions abroad are authorized to issue Conference Visa to delegates on production of an invitation letter from the organizer(s), a copy of this letter and a copy of the communication from the Ministry of External Affairs conveying political clearance subject to re-verification relating to Blacklist/LOC and any criminal records of participants.
- However, Visa for participants from (1)Afghanistan (2)Iraq (3)Pakistan (4)Sudan (5)Foreigners of Pakistani origin and (6)Stateless persons can be issued only after MHA Clearance. Therefore, online application for Visa must be made at least 60 days in advance. Simultaneously, information about the participants from these countries should also be made available to the Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs in the format given below:**

Format for furnishing information

S.No	Name	Father's / Husband's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality & Passport No.	Date of issue	Place of Issue	Date of Expiry	Online visa application Number	Address in country of residence

(Note: All fields are mandatory)

- If the number of participants from/of the above mentioned countries is more than 15, the information should be provided in soft copy (in excel (x.xls) format) in CD (in Triplicate) also.
- Applications/list of participants from the above mentioned countries not submitted in time are liable to be summarily rejected.
- 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 faithfully

(N.K. Sahoo)
Section Officer