F.No. 13N000032020/CC
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 03.02.2020

To
Thirty Sixth International Geological Congress
C-II, Pushpa Bhawan,
Madangir Road,
Delhi - 110062

Subject:- 36th International Geological Congress from 25th February to 18th March, 2020 at India Exposition Mart Ltd., Greater Noida, Gautam Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your online event Id. No. 13N000032020 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.

2. 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 movement of participants to prohibited areas, sensitive and defence locations is restricted.

3. The foreign participant should submit online application for visa at www.indianvisaoonline.gov.in immediately.

4. 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, re-verification relating to Blacklist/LOC and subject to usual checks & no local objection.

5. 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.

Yours faithfully

(Gopesh Kumar)
Section Officer

Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi, India


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To
Dr. Snigdha Ghatak, Director
36th International Geological Congress,
C-II, Pushpa Bhawan, Madangir Road,
New Delhi - 110062

Subject: 36th International Geological Congress from 02nd to 08th March, 2020 at Delhi- NCR.
Sir/Madam,

Please refer to your letter no. 36th IGC Sectt./SG/Corres/2018-19/63 dated 17.12.2018 on the above mentioned subject. After scrutiny of the documents, it is found that you have not submitted the complete proposal mentioning the details of participants/ venue along with relevant documents.

2. As per extant instructions, security/event clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required only in case one or both of the following conditions are met:

(a) Events involving participants from the Prior Reference Category (PRC) countries i.e. Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons.

(b) Events where participants are required to visit 'Restricted' or 'Protected' areas in India, or areas affected by terrorism, militancy and extremism etc. viz. Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States whole of Arunachal Pradesh, Parts of Himachal Pradesh, Parts of Jammu & Kashmir, Whole of Manipur, Whole of Mizoram, Whole of Nagaland, Parts of Rajasthan, Whole of Sikkim (Partly in Protected Area and Partly in Restricted Area), Parts of Uttarakhand, & Whole of Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

3. If the Event/Conference attracts one or both the above said provisions, only then a complete proposal may be submitted to this office in the following format at least 60 days prior to the commencement of the Event, mentioning the details of foreign participants in respect of PRC Countries only.

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4. Indian Missions are authorized to issue Conference Visa for the Event NOT covered under the conditions mentioned in Para 2 of this letter to all delegates on production of an invitation to a Conference/Seminar/Workshop being organized in India by a Ministry or Department of the Government of India, State Governments or UT Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities [list of such institutions is available on the website www.mhrd.gov.in] and the website of the University Grants Commission (www.ugc.ac.in)], or an organization owned and controlled by the Government of India or any State Government / UT, United Nations or its Specialized Agencies. If the Conference/Seminar/Workshop is sponsored by an NGO or a private institution, the Mission would satisfy, as per instructions conveyed to them, before granting visa to the participants except in cases as mentioned in Para 2 (a) and (b) above. If the Mission concerned has any doubt about the background of the sponsoring NGO/private institution, only then the matter may be referred to MEA and MHA for verification of the background of the NGO/private institution concerned.

5. As the desired, list of Countries whose nationals are eligible for e-visa facility is enclosed.

6. "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. It is further intimated that no request for grant of security clearance for conduct of events in offline mode will be entertained after 30.09.2018."

End: As above.

Yours faithfully,

(N.K. Sahoo)
Section Officer (CC)