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

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
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To

Dr. Pankaj Ahire,
Organising Chairman,
The Indian Society of Surgery of the Hand (ISSH),
83, Mayor Ramanathan Road,
Chennai- 600031

Subject:- APFSSH-APFSHT-APWA-ISSH-SHTI Congress 2025 from 10th to 13th September, 2025 at The Westin Mumbai Powai Lake, Mumbai

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 21.04.2025 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions outlined in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for an event only if, (i) there are foreign participants from **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 faithfully

Raj Kumar Sah
30/4/25

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Section Officer (CC)