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

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 14.12.2023

To

Dr. M. Narayanan,
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Subject:- PEDICON 2024, the 61st National Conference of Indian Academy of Pediatrics from 24th to 28th January, 2024 at Grand Hyatt Kochi Bolgatty, Kerala.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter no nil dated 06.12.2023 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

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14/12/23

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Section Officer (CC)