

**F. No.42230337/CC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**(Foreigners-I Division)**

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Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium  
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 06.10.2023

To

Shri Pankaj Kumar,  
Secretary,  
River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation,  
Department of Water Resources,  
Ministry of Jal Shakti,  
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
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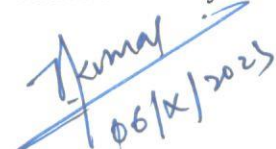
**Subject:- 25th International Congress and the 74th IEC of ICID on Theme "Tacking Water Scarcity in Agriculture," from 2nd to 8th November, 2023 at Radisson Blue Resort in Visakhapatnam (Vizag), Andhra Pradesh.**

Sir,

I am directed to kindly refer to your D.O. no M-75075/249/2023-CE-EMO dated 11.09.2023 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

  
06/10/2023

(Tarun Kumar)  
Section Officer