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To  
All Indian Missions/Posts

**Subject: Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign nationals coming to attend international conference / seminar / workshop**

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Sir,

It has come to the notice of this Ministry that for the purpose of grant of Conference Visa to foreign nationals intending to come to India for attending an international conference/ seminar/ workshop, some Missions/Posts are insisting on submission of documents conveying prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) for holding the event. In this context, your kind attention is invited to the para 13.5 of Chapter 13 of the new Visa Manual pertaining to Conference Visa. It has been specifically provided therein that prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding an event (i.e. international conference/ seminar/ workshop) will be required only if the event falls within the following parameters as mentioned in para 13.3 of the Visa Manual:-

- (a) If there are participants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons; and
- (b) If the participants of conferences /seminars/workshops 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 (other than the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland).

2. Further, a detailed procedure for obtaining prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding an international conference / seminar / workshop (event clearance) by the organizers has also been laid down in para 13.5 of the new Visa Manual. It has also been specifically provided in a note below para 13.5 of the new Visa Manual that the

