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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

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To
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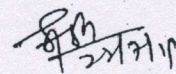
Subject:- 8th International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS VIII) from 18th to 23rd November, 2019 at National Agricultural Science Center Complex, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa, New Delhi & The Ashok Hotel, Chanakya Puri, New Delhi.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your e-mail dated 16.07.2019 on the above mentioned subject, I am directed to convey that in the light of extant instructions contained in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required only for the foreign participants from the Prior Reference Countries i.e. Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani Origin and Stateless persons. Since there are no participants from the PRC category in the above mentioned event / list, accordingly event clearance from MHA is not required for Conference Visa. Indian Missions are authorised to issue Conference Visas with due diligence only after scrutinizing the case on its merits to foreign delegates on production of an invitation to a conference/ seminar / workshop being organised in India as per the provisions in Visa Manual.

2. 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.

Yours sincerely



Gopesh Kumar
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