F. No.42230022/CC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium New Delhi-110001, Dated: 09 .02.2023

To

Dr. Vivek Bindal, Organizing Secretary, Institute of Minimal Access, Bariatric and Robotic Surgery, Room 2015, Max Super Speciality Hospital, IP Extension, Delhi - 110092

Subject:- "AWR DEEP IMPACT Conference (Themed on Abdominal Wall Reconstruction - Hernia)" from 23rd to 25th March, 2023 at Hotel Vivanta, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. nil dated 22.12.2022 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 apply to MHA on its online event clearance (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

(Tarun Kumar) Section Officer (CC)