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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 29.01.2020

To

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Subject:- 88th Annual Meeting of ICOLD & Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams and River Basins from 4th to 10th April, 2020 at New Delhi.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no 24(50)/ICOLD/88th AM/2020/New Delhi dated 27.01.2020 on the above mentioned subject and to convey this Ministry's '**no objection**' in principle for obtaining Conference Visa for foreign participants (**except PRC countries**) in the above mentioned event(s) subject to usual checks as prescribed.

2. The organisers are also requested to obtain Political clearance from Ministry of External Affairs and necessary clearance from various other authorities **including state police authorities from Law & Order point of view** in connection with the event. Movement of participants to prohibited areas, sensitive and defence locations is restricted.


3. **The foreign participant should submit online application for visa at www.indianvisaonline.gov.in immediately.**

4. Indian Missions abroad are authorized to issue Conference Visa to delegates on production of an invitation letter from the organizer(s), a copy of this letter and a copy of the communication from the Ministry of External Affairs conveying political clearance, re-verification relating to Blacklist/LOC and subject to usual checks & no local objection.

5. **However, Visa for participants from (1)Afghanistan (2)Iraq (3)Pakistan (4)Sudan (5)Foreigners of Pakistani origin and (6)Stateless persons can be issued only after MHA Clearance. Therefore, online application for Visa must be made at least 60 days in advance.**

6. **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 faithfully


(Gopesh Kumar)
Section Officer