



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

No. AA/162/01/2018-1159-I

September 19, 2018

To,
Indian Institute of Technology, Madras,
[Kind Attn: Dr. Shweta Agrawal, Assistant Professor]
Department of Computer Science and Engineering,
Chennai- 600 036.

Subject : Political clearance for organizing 16th Theory of Cryptography Conference
from 11-14 November 2018 at Goa.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter dated September 7, 2018 on the subject mentioned above.

2. This Ministry has **no objection from political angle** for the proposed event with foreign participants (as per the list attached), as stated in your aforesaid communication, subject to clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs and the nodal Ministry.
3. It is further stated that, observations made in our separate communication No. AA/162/01/2018-1159-II dated 19/09/2018 may be complied with.
4. The foreign participants may please be advised to enclose copies of letter of invitation from the organizer in India and this Ministry's political clearance as well as MHA's clearance as applicable while applying for visa with the Indian Mission/Post abroad.

(S. Ajith Prasad)

Section Officer (Coordination)

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Copy to:

- i) Ministry of Home Affairs [Kind Attn: R.K. Arya, SO (CC)], Foreigners Division, NDCC Building II, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.

F. No. 42180123/CC-391
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
(Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 14.09.2018

To
Dr. Shweta Agrawal
Assistant Professor
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Indian Institute of Technology, Madras,
Chennai - 600036

Subject:- The Theory of Cryptography Confernce (TCC) 2018 from 11th to 14th November, 2018 at Hotel Cidade De Goa, Goa.

Sir/Madam,

With reference to your letter no. DIR/2018 dated 05.09.2018 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. It is further intimated that no request for grant of security clearance for conduct of events in offline mode will be entertained after 30.09.2018.**

Yours sincerely



(N.K. Sahoo)

Section Officer (CC)

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F. No. 5-5/2017-TS
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Technical Section - I

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated: 20th September, 2018

To,

The Registrar,
Indian Institute of Technology- Madras

Subject: Clearance for holding the 16th Theory of Cryptography Conference TCC 2018 to be held during 11-14 November, 2018 at Hotel Cidade De, Goa.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 07.08.2018 on the subject cited above and to convey this Ministry's no objection for the above referred conference in the light of political and security clearances issued by the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs respectively. Other necessary instructions, as issued by both the MHA and MEA may be scrupulously complied with.

Yours faithfully

(Kundan Nath)
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