F. No.42220293/CC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium New Delhi-110001, Dated: 02 .11.2022

To

Mr. Bikash Ghose, Organising Secretary, Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing, Module 60 & 61, 3rd Floor, Readymade Garment Complex, SIDCO Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600032

Subject:- NDE 2022 Conference & Exhibition from 24th to 26th November, 2022 at The Mahatma Mandir Convention & Exhibition Centre, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. NDE2022/006 dated 10.09.2022 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 to apply to MHA on its online event clearance platform (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

(Vinod Kumar T. A.) Under Secretary (Imm & CC)