F. No.42240601/CC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Foreigners-I Division (Computer Cell)

> Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium New Delhi-110001, Dated: 31 .12.2024

To

P. Rajalakshmi, Co-Chair Local Organizing Committee, IIT Hyderabad

Subject:- 3<sup>rd</sup> International IEEE Applied Sensing Conference (APSCON) from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2025 at IIT Hyderabad

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 24.10.2024 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions outlined in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for an event only if, (i) there are foreign participants from 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 (<a href="https://conference.mha.gov.in">https://conference.mha.gov.in</a>) 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 faithfully

(Raj Kumar Sah)
Section Officer (CC)