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Akhilesh Yadav,
Asst. Manager Circulation,
EFY Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.,
D-87/1, Okhla Industrial Area,
Phase 1, New Delhi-20

Subject: Participation of foreign nationals in the "Open Source India 2024" scheduled from 22-24 October 2024 at NIMHANS Convention Centre, Bengaluru.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to EFY Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.'s letter dated 6 September 2024 on the subject matter and to convey that Ministry of External Affairs has **No Objection from political angle** to the participation of foreign nationals from the following countries/regions in the "Open Source India 2024", on production of invitation letter from the organizer:

Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Romania, Russia, South Africa, Switzerland

2. This will be further subject clearances/approvals from MHA/other authorities (where applicable).
3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Kamkholen Kipgen)
Section Officer (Monitoring Cell)

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To

Shri Akhilesh Yadav,
Asst Manager Circulation,
EFY Enterprises Pvt Ltd,
D-87/1, Okhla Industrial Area,
Phase 1, New Delhi- 110020

Subject:- International Exhibition on "Open Source India 2024" from 22nd to 24th October, 2024 at Nimhans Convention Centre Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter dated 30.08.2024 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 (<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 faithfully

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(Raj Kumar Sah)
Section Officer (CC)

Ministry of Home Affairs on 02nd May, 2018 has launched online Event Clearance Platform (<https://conference.mha.gov.in>) for grant of online security clearance to the conference/seminar/workshop being organized in India by a Ministry or Department of the Government of India, State Governments or UT Administrations, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities or private institutions or NGOs. The organizers are required to register themselves and apply for grant of the security clearance using the online system. A detailed FAQ, Dos, Don'ts and User Manual are available at the website for better understanding of the user. No offline/physical application form requesting for grant of Security Clearance will be entertained now onwards.

2. The organizers are required to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of security clearance to organize conference/seminar/workshop in India only in the following two categories:

- (i) If any participant is from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons (PRC Category) and
- (ii) Any participants of conferences /seminars/workshops are required to visit 'Restricted' or 'Protected' areas in India, or areas affected by terrorism, militancy and extremism etc. viz. Jammu & Kashmir and the North Eastern States (Other than States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland)