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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs
Foreigners-I Division
(Computer Cell)

Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
New Delhi-110001, Dated: 29.09.2025

To

Mr. Sridhar Gutam
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III Global Summit on Diamond Open Access,
Joint Secretary, Society for promotion of Horticulture,
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Subject:- 3rd Global Summit on Diamond Open Access from 2nd to 6th February, 2026 at Bengaluru.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 19.09.2025 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



(Shashi Kant Kumar)
Section Officer (CC)