GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM OFFICE OF THE **DIRECTOR OF HIGHER EDUCATION,** ASSAM KAHILIPARA, GUWAHATI-19.

No.G(B)Misc.75/2015/457

Dated Kahilipara, the 23-07-2018

From:-

Smti. Gitimoni Phukan, A.C.S.

Director of Higher Education, Assam

Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

To/

The Principal (AII),

...... College/Mahavidyalaya,

Sub:

Regarding instruction to grant of conference visa to foreign nationals coming

to attend international conference/ seminar/workshop.

Ref:

Govt. letter No. 1) AHE.625/2017/96, dated 15-05-2018 and

2) PLA.483/2016/212, dated 25-04-2018.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to enclose herewith instruction relating to grant of conference visa to foreign nationals coming to attend international conference/seminar/workshop, which is self explanatory for favour of taking necessary action from your end.

Yours faithfully

Director of Higher Education, Assam

<u>Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.</u>
Dated Kahilipara, the 23-07-2018

Memo No.G(B)Misc.75/2015/457-A

Copy to:-

 The Principal Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Higher Education Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

 The Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Home & Political Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

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Director of Higher Education, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DISPUR : GUWAHATI-6.



No.AHE.625/2017/96

Dated Dispur, the 15th May, 2018

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From:

Md. F. Ahmed,

Deputy Secretary to the Govt.of Assam

Higher Education Department

To :1)

The Director,

Technical Education, Assam Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

2)

The Director,

Higher Education, Assam

Kahilipara, Guwahati-19.

Sub:

Instruction relating to grant of conference visa to foreign nationals coming

to attend international conference/seminar/workshop.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of letter No.PLA.483/2016/212 dated 25-04-2018 received from the Joint Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Home & Political Department, Dispur-6., which is self explanatory for favour of taking necessary action from your end.



Yours faithfully

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Deputy Secretary to the Govt.of Assam

Higher Education Department

Dated Dispur,the 15th May,2018

Memo No.AHE.625/2017/96-A

Copy to:

Joint Secretary to the Govt of Assam, Home & Political Department, Dispur-6.

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Deputy Secretary to the Govt.of Assam Higher Education Department

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No. PLA.483/2016/212,

Dated Dispur, the 25th April, 2018

From ::

Bhaskar Pegu, ACS

Joint Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Home & Political Deptt., Dispur

To

1. The Addl. Chief Secretary/ Principal Secretary/ Commissioner & Secretary, Education (Higher) For From All Deptts)

2. The Director General of Police, Assam, Ulubari

3. The Director General, Civil Defence and CG, HG, Assam, Guwahati

4. The Director General, Fire & Emergency Services, Assam, Guwahati

5. The IGP cum Director of Vigilance & Anti-Corruption, Guwahati

6. The Inspector General, Prisons, Assam, Khanapara

6. The Director, Forensic Science Laboratory, Assam, Kahilipara

7. The Secretary, Assam Human Rights Commission, Bhangagarh

8. The Director of Official Language Implementation, Guwahati

9. The Secretary-cum-Registrar O/O the Lokayukta, Assam

Shaktigarh Path, Bye Lane-2, Bhangarh, Guwahati

Sub

Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign Nationals coming to attend international conference/ seminar/ workshop- regarding

Sir.

With reference to the above, I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No.25022/8/2018-FCC dated 06/02/2018 as received from Director (Foreigners), Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigners Division regarding compliance with the Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign Nationals coming to attend international conference/ seminar/ workshop, for favour of your kind information and necessary action on the same.

Enclo: As stated above, : 03 (three) sheets

Yours faithfully

Joint Secretary
Home & Political Department
Govt. of Assam, Dispur

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(Foreigners-I Section)

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मेजर ध्यान चंद राष्ट्रीय

Ministry of Home Affairs/Foreigners National Sta Division (विदेशी-। अनुभाग)

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New Delhi-110002

संदर्भ सं∘/Ref. No.25022/8/2018-F.CC

दिनांक/Dated 6t February, 2018

To

All Indian Missions/Posts

Subject: Instructions relating to grant of Conference Visa to foreign nationals coming to attend international conference / seminar / workshop

Sir,

It has come to the notice of this Ministry that for the purpose of grant of Conference Visa to foreign nationals intending to come to India for attending an international conference/ seminar/ workshop, some Missions/Posts are insisting on submission of documents conveying prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division) for holding the event. In this context, your kind attention is invited to the para 13.5 of Chapter 13 of the new Visa Manual pertaining to Conference Visa. It, has been specifically provided therein that prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding an event (i.e. international conference/ seminar/ workshop) will be required only if the event falls within the following parameters as mentioned in para 13.3 of the Visa Manual:-

- (a) If there are participants from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq. Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless persons; and
- (b) If the 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 the States of Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland).
- 2. Further, a detailed procedure for obtaining prior clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding an international conference / seminar / workshop (event clearance) by the organizers has also been laid down in para 13.5 of the new Visa Manual. It has also been specifically provided in a note below para 13.5 of the new Visa Manual that the

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Indian Missions/ Posts should not insist on submission of documents conveying event clearance of MHA in case the event does not fall under the parameters mentioned in para 13.3 of the new Visa Manual.

- 3. The Ministry of Home Affairs is shortly launching an online module for submission of application by the organizers of international conferences/ seminars/ workshops for seeking clearance of the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding the event and for processing of such applications by this Ministry online. The clearance of this Ministry for holding the event will be generated through the online system and sent to the organizers. A copy of the clearance will also be endorsed to all Indian Missions/ Posts.
- 3. It may also be noted that the Visa Manual provides that the Missions shall carefully examine the subject of the conference/seminar/workshop and Visa shall not be issued for events which involve politically and/ or socially sensitive subjects [para 13.2(iii) of the new Visa Manual refers].
- 4. It is further provided in para 13.8 of the new Visa Manual that a foreign national intending to attend an International Conference/ seminar/ workshop while already in India on Business/ Employment / Student/ Research visa may seek prior permission of the FRRO/ FRO concerned by making a suitable application along with all relevant details. However, in respect of cases falling within the parameters mentioned in para 13.3 of the Visa Manual, such permission shall be granted by FRRO/ FRO concerned only with the prior approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- 5. Above instructions as contained in the new Visa Manual are once again brought to the notice of all Indian Missions/ Posts for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully

(Pramod Kumar) Director (Foreigners) Tel. no. 23077508

Copy to:-

- Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (CPV)], Patiala House Annexe, New Delhi – with the request to convey the above instructions to all Indian Missions/ Posts for compliance.
- 2. Ministry of External Affairs [Joint Secretary (Coord)], South Block, New Delhi
- 3. Principal Secretary (Home) of all State Governments/UT Administrations
- 4. Joint Director, Bureau of Immigration
- Cabinet Secretariat





- FRROs- Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Amritsar, Bangalore Hyderabad, 6. Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram, Calicut, Goa, Lucknow and Ahmedabad
- DDG, NIC with the request to place these instructions on the online notice board of C-Visa and C-FRO. 7.

(Pramod Kumar) Director (Foreigners)