

MoE Guidelines (Annexure I & II)

Annexure - I

Additional Guidelines for International Conference

Subject: NOC for International Conference for private technical institute through AICTE.

As per directions of AS(T), MoE in future, proposals for NOC for organizing International Conference by private technical institutions should be submitted to AICTE. After examination the same, as per Ministry of Home Affairs, Foreigners Division, OM dated 21st May, 2018 which is reproduced below with subject **Launch of an online Event Clearance Portal for grant for security clearance – Reg.**, the proposals will be submitted to MoE by AICTE for grant of NOC by MoE.

“Ministry of Home Affairs on 02nd May, 2018 has launched an 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/ Department of the Government of India/ State Governments/ UT Administrations/ Public Sector Undertakings/ Central Educational Institutions/ Public Funded Universities/ Private Institutions or NGOs. The organizers are required to register themselves and apply for grant of the security clearance using the online system.

1. *A details FAQs, 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. *It may be reiterated that the organizers are required to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs for grant of security clearance to organize conference/seminar/workshop in India only if the event falls in any of the following two or both + categories: -*
 - (i) *If any participant is from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, foreigners of Pakistani origin and Stateless person (PRC Category) and*
 - (ii) *If any participant of conference/ seminar/ workshop is 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)”.*

Guidelines for holding Online/ Virtual Conferences/ Seminars/ Training etc.

Reference: No. 34-4/2020-ICC-II, Government of India, Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi dated 15th January, 2021

Ministry of Education has revised the guidelines for holding online/ virtual Conferences/ Seminars/ Training etc. in consultation with Ministry of External Affairs which is as follows:

Approval procedure in respect of holding Online/ Virtual International Conferences/ Seminars/ Training etc.:

- I.** Ministry or Department, Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities or an organization owned and controlled by the Government of India/ State Government/ UT, should take approval of its Administrative Secretary for the event as well as for the list of participants.
- II.** While giving permission, the Ministry should ensure that the subject matter for online events is not related to security of State, Border, North East States, UT of J&K, Ladakh or any other issues which are clearly/ purely related to India's internal matter/s.
- III.** Full compliance to India's existing provisions of IT data security, personal data, and protection to other sensitive information should be ensured.
- IV.** There should be judicious selection of IT application/ platforms/ medium for interaction; preference should be given to those apps having servers not controlled/ hosted/ owned by countries/ agencies hostile to India.
- V.** Appropriate level of scrutiny to be exercised to identify the nature and sensitivity of data/ contents of presentations/ information to be shared by the Indian delegation.
- VI.** Due care should be taken to ensure that India's map, flag, emblem, etc. are correct and rightly displayed.

The following cases will continue to require clearance from MEA for holding International Conference/ Seminar/ Workshop/ Training etc.:

- I.** All events related to security of State, Border, North East States, J&K or any other issues which are clearly/ purely related to India's Internal matter:
- II.** Events having foreign funding the sponsorship;

- III.** Events involving sensitive subjects (political, scientific, technical, commercial, personal) with provisions for sharing of data in any form; presentations etc.
- IV.** While seeking approval/ after approval, link to the online events/s should be shared by email at socoord@mea.gov.in

Participation of Union/ State Ministers/ Constitutional functionaries and Government officials/ scientists/ doctors etc.:

- I.** Participation of Union/ State Ministers/ Constitutional functionaries and Government officials/ scientists/ doctors etc. of the rank of JS and above in online/ virtual/ physical International Conferences/ Seminars/ Training etc., MEA clearance will be required.
- II.** The Administrative Secretary of respective Ministry/ Department be authorized to give permission for participation from Director and below rank, subject to usual and necessary checks.