F. No.42230485/CC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners-I Division)

> Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium New Delhi-110001, Dated: 12.2023

To

Dr. Rajeev Shorey, Steering Committee Co-Chair, W - 82, Regency Park 2, DLF Phase 4, Haryana, Gurgaon- 122002

Subject:- 16th International Conference on communication Systems & Networks, COMSNETS 2024 from 3rd to 7th January, 2024 at Bengalore, Karnataka.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 23.11.2023 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that in the light of extant instructions contained in the Visa Manual, security clearance of Ministry of Home Affairs is required for the event only if, (i) there are foreign participants from the 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 sincerely

(Rajkumar Sah) Section Officer (CC)