F. No.42240572/CC Government of India Ministry of Home Affairs Foreigners-I Division (Computer Cell)

> Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium New Delhi-110001, Dated: (3.12.2024

To

Shri Rajeev Shorey, Steering Committee Co-Chair, COMSNETS Association, No. 71, 3rd Cross, MICO Layout, Chandra Layout, Vijaynagar, Bangalore- 560040

Subject:- 17th International Conference on COMunication Systems & NETworks Conference (COMSNETS 2025) from 6th to 10th January, 2025 at Bangalore

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your email dated 04.12.2024 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

(Raj Kumar Sah)
Section Officer (CC)