

**F. No. 42160736/CC**  
**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
**(Foreigners Division)**

NDCC-II Building, Jai Singh Road,  
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To

Prof. Dr. R. Krishnamurthy  
Conference Chairman-SFEC 2017,  
Director, C.G. Bhakta Institute of Biotechnology,  
Uka Tarsadia University, Bardoli,  
Surat, Gujarat - 394350

**Subject: 4<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Society of Ethnopharmacology on 'Healthcare in 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Perspectives of Ethnopharmacology and Medicinal Plant Research' from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 at Surat, Gujarat.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to your letter no. CGBIBT/Conf-SFEC2017/1560/2016-17 dated 28.06.2016 on the above mentioned subject and to convey this Ministry's 'no objection' in principle for obtaining appropriate visa for foreign participants in the above mentioned event(s) specified in the letter under reference, subject to usual checks as prescribed and Political clearance from Ministry of External Affairs. However, the organisers are requested to obtain necessary clearances from various other authorities in connection with the organisation of the event.

**2. The foreign participant should submit online application for Conference Visa at [www.indianvisaonline.gov.in](http://www.indianvisaonline.gov.in) immediately.**

3. Indian Missions abroad are authorized to issue **Conference Visas** to delegates on production of an invitation letter from the organizer(s), a copy of this letter and a copy of the communication from the Ministry of External Affairs conveying political clearance.

**4. However, Visa for participants from (1)Afghanistan (2)Iraq (3)Pakistan (4)Sudan (5)Foreigners of Pakistani origin and (6)Stateless persons can be issued only after MHA Clearance. Therefore, online application for Visa must be made at least 60 days in advance. Simultaneously, information about the participants from these countries should also be made available to the Foreigners Division, Ministry of Home Affairs in the format given below:**

**Format for furnishing information**

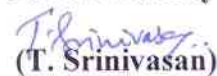
S. No	Name	Father's / Husband's Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Nationality & Passport No.	Date of Issue	Place of Issue	Date of Expiry	Online visa application Number	Address in country of residence

(Note: All fields are mandatory)

5. If the number of participants from/of the above mentioned countries is more than 15, the information should be provided in soft copy (**in excel (x.ls) format**) in CD (in Triplicate) also.

**6. Applications/list of participants from the above mentioned countries not submitted in time are liable to be summarily rejected.**

Yours faithfully

  
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