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Government of India  
Ministry of Home Affairs  
Police Division –I  
(PMA Cell)

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North Block, Room No.14  
New Delhi, dated the 18 May, 2015

To

1. Home Secretaries –DsGP of all States/UTs
2. Directors- CBI/NIA/NPA/Parliament (Security)
3. DGs –All CAPFs/CPOs/RPF

Subject: **ATA-11238 (Post Blast Investigation) training course to be organised from 24.08.2015 to 09.09.2015 at Montross, Virginia, USA-regarding.**

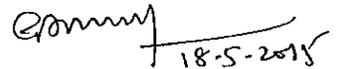
Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject and say that the US Embassy in New Delhi has offered Post Blast Investigations training course vide their communication dated 23.04.2015 (**copy enclosed**) for appropriate GoI's personnel. It is requested that nominating authority should go through the details given in this letter.

2. The nominated officer should be clear from vigilance angle.
3. No direct application will be entertained. The course is subject to clearance by Ministry of External Affairs and may be cancelled without assigning any reason.
4. It is requested that nomination of two **eligible and willing officer** (one main & one reserve) in the rank of **Inspector to Additional SP** as per their details (enclosed Annexure-1) may please be forwarded to this Ministry **latest by 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015** through their respective Home Department/proper channel. It is specifically stated that full names of participants as per Passport may be provided. Sponsoring Authority is also requested to strictly follow the eligibility criteria and dead-line.

Encl : As Above

Yours faithfully,

  
18-5-2015

(G C Yadav)

Deputy Secretary (Police)

☎: 011-23093256

Copy to :

1. SO (IT), MHA – With request to upload above communication on MHA website.
2. Director (Trg) BPR&D, CGO Complex, New Delhi

BIO DATA/PROFORMA

1. Name of the Officer :  
(Complete name in capital letter,  
No Abbreviation)
2. Gender :
3. Designation/Rank with Address :
4. Date of Birth :
5. Place of Birth :
6. Date of joining in Police Service :  
(IPS-Cadre & Year/Non IPS)
7. Educational Qualification :
8. Present place of posting with Profile :  
Present work detail
9. Official Passport No. if any :
10. Official Passport valid/expired :
11. Address (Permanent) :
12. Address (Present) :
13. Telephone Number:
  - a. Office:-----
  - b. Residence-----
  - c. Mobile No.-----
  - d. Fax No.-----
  - e. E-mail address-----
14. Vegetarian/Non-Vegetarian :
15. Details of foreign training earlier attended:  
Earlier ATA courses attended

(Signature)

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Embassy of the United States of America

New Delhi  
April 23, 2015



Mr. S.K. Pardhan  
Deputy Director (NA)  
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Dear Mr. Pardhan:

The Office of Anti-Terrorism Assistance, Diplomatic Security Service (DS/ATA), U.S. Department of State, would like to offer the following course to the appropriate Government of India (GOI) personnel:

**Course: ATA-11238, Post Blast Investigation (PBI)**

Duration and Dates of Course: Thirteen Days; August 24 to September 9, 2015

Location: Montross, Virginia, U.S.A.

Number of Participants: 24

Number of Reserve Participants: 6

NOTE: Please ensure that the following deadlines are met in order to avoid the cancellation of this limited and highly popular training opportunity.

**Deadline date for acceptance or declination of the Course is: June 10, 2015**

**List of names along with biographic forms of Participants: July 6, 2015**  
(Please provide full names of participants as per Passport or copy of passport)

Participants official passports, Diplomatic Note from CPV Division/; VISA forms DS-160 (<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>), prints on laser printer only; medical reports and travel plan details(form attached herewith) and its approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs, positively by **July 17, 2015**.

The following information is provided to give you a better perspective of this course:

**1. Course description and objectives:**

This 13-day course uses lecture, large-group discussions, and case studies to train 24 participants to effectively investigate explosions and terrorist crime scenes. Training involves investigative techniques, crime scene management,

are likewise acceptable. DS/T/ATA policy requires course participants to attend the entire course. The training value diminishes if a participant is required to perform his/her daily operational duties while attending this course. Participants who miss any module, for whatever reason, will not be allowed to return to finish the course.

ATA programs adhere to the train-the-trainer methodology and the GOI is encouraged to nominate trainers and/or instructors as participants. This will facilitate GOI's development of a viable antiterrorism program within its law enforcement community. Officers selected for this course should remain in their positions for a minimum of two years. **Participants selected should be working in Post Blast Investigation Units and they should be holding a rank from Sub-Inspector to Deputy Superintendent of Police. Only the team leader should be Superintendent of Police.**

### **3. Participant Information:**

It is requested that the GOI should forward the name, rank, date/place of birth, current position title, and unit of each participant selected for this course by **July 6, 2015**. GOI must also provide this biographic data for alternate candidates for this course. These alternate candidates must be approved and vetted, along with the list of primary participants, prior to the commencement of training. However, the alternates will NOT/NOT attend or participate in the training unless a candidate from the primary list is unable to participate due to vetting, medical, or other issues. It is imperative that the invited country understand that providing alternate names does not guarantee these candidates will receive ATA training and they should not be sent for training unless one of the original participants is dropped from training prior to the commencement of the course. Once the course is in progress alternate candidates will not be authorized to attend. DS/T/ATA requires that the GOI appoint a senior leader for the group. This individual should have the authority to maintain class order and discipline.

### **4. Course Language:**

The course will be taught in English and all course materials will be in English. Therefore, all participants must have good English comprehension.

### **5. Medical Clearances:**

Some participants in prior DS/T/ATA courses have had infectious diseases such as AIDS, malaria, or hepatitis. Participants in ATA courses are required to undergo medical screening standards and procedures for all ATA courses held in the US.

This course involves physical activities involving a potential for injury that could result in exposure to communicable and/or infectious diseases. Because of this risk and DS/T/ATA's responsibilities as described in the previous paragraph,

material identification methods, and evidence collection and analysis. Utilizing classroom lecture, group discussions, case studies, and practical exercises, participants investigate post-blast crime scenes with the goal of developing the tactics, techniques, and procedures to enhance skills necessary to preserve crime scene evidence and identify the perpetrators. This course concludes with a final practical exercise that requires participants to apply the knowledge and skills acquired throughout the course to an actual explosive incident scene and determine the perpetrators in the scenario provided. The course will be delivered in Montross, Virginia.

Course topics include human rights; explosives and their effects; hazards and initial response; component recognition; equipment; crime scene security and search; documentation; forensics (limited); interview procedures; investigation and suspect identification; threat analysis; major incident considerations; vehicle, aircraft, and suicide bombings; and incident reporting and databases.

At the conclusion of this course, participants will be able to: identify types of explosives and their explosive effects, secure and search a blast crime scene, identify blast components and signatures, preserve crime scene evidence for use at trial, and establish command post operations following a bombing incident.

This 13-day, Montross, Virginia course is designed to expose 24 participants (bomb investigators, bomb squad personnel, and other specialists) directly involved in investigating explosions to include bomb scene investigative techniques, methods of material identification, and analysis of evidence required to identify the perpetrator of a bombing.

Training hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, however, these hours may be adjusted depending on local customs. Course attire is business dress for the course opening and graduation. Business casual dress is appropriate at all other times unless otherwise specified due to the nature of the course.

## **2. PARTICIPANT CRITERIA:**

This course is designed for bomb investigators, bomb squad personnel, and other specialists directly involved in investigating explosions. Participants should be in good health as some outdoors physical exertion is required during field practical exercises. Participants will be provided uniforms, personal equipment, and team gear necessary to effectively respond to incidents involving IEDs and other explosive devices.

Department policy prohibits personnel assigned to an intelligence agency or military unit from participating in any ATA training/activity. Therefore, neither the GOI or post should propose such individuals for this training event. Personnel assigned to an intelligence unit within a law enforcement organization, and who support the law enforcement function of that organization are acceptable. Personnel assigned to a military unit that performs a law enforcement function

DS/T/ATA has established the following medical standards for participants in ATA courses delivered in the US:

(a) The GOI must certify in writing that course participants are in excellent health and free of disease, illness, or other health problems that would limit their participation in this course. Absences from any portion of the course to treat pre-existing medical conditions are not acceptable and may result in the participant returning home.

(b) All participants must complete medical screening for hepatitis A, B, and C; HIV/AIDS; malaria; tuberculosis; and sexually transmitted diseases. The medical certificates of the above tests must be provided to the Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy by **July 17, 2015**.

Any participant who does not satisfy the above mentioned medical requirement cannot attend the course.

## 6. Requirements:

If this course is accepted, DS/ATA requests that the GOI assist in meeting the following requirements:

A. Each participant must arrive in U.S.A. on Saturday, August 22, 2015 and all participants must depart by Thursday, September 10, 2015.

B. DS/ATA discourages any personal travel by the participants in U.S.A. after the training. However, if a participant still intends to do a personal travel, it cannot begin before September 10, 2015, which should be authorized by the Government of India Parent Unit. The Government of India must provide the travel itinerary of the participants as well as points of contact including name, address and telephone number by **July 17, 2015**. The course participant is responsible for any costs incurred as a result of his/her personal travel.

Participants travel outside of Montross, Virginia area on evenings or weekends, other than travel or activities sponsored by DS/ATA is prohibited.

Please note that spouses, relatives and dependents cannot be accommodated in any way in the ATA program processes or activities. Requests for assistance for spouse or dependent tourism, visas and travel assistance of any kind must be declined by GOI.

C. **The weather in Montross, Virginia** during August/September has average daytime temperatures in the high 80s (DEGREES F) with average nighttime temperatures in the 60s (DEGREES F). Course attire is business dress for the course opening and graduation. Business casual dress is appropriate at all other times unless otherwise specified due to the nature of the course. Participants should bring one dress suit (or

jacket and tie), suitable clothing for their free time, and appropriate recreational clothing and workout gear.

- D. A detailed biography of each student is required. The Regional Security Office (RSO), U.S. Embassy, New Delhi.
- E. GOI should provide a Diplomatic Note from the CPV Division, Patiala House for Visa purposes.
- F. ATA requires that the GOI appoint a senior leader for the group. This individual should have the authority to maintain class order and discipline.
- G. An Indian **Official** Passport is required. The Consul General will provide the appropriate type of visa.

**7. U.S. Department of State supports for this course:**

- A. The Department of State will pay for **economy** round trip airline transportation from New Delhi, India, to Washington, DC, U.S.A. This payment will be made in the form of a round trip economy airline ticket provided to each student prior to his/her departure from India. If any student desires to make personal travel following completion of this course, it will be the student's responsibility to arrange and pay for any changes to his/her ticket after the USG has issued the tickets and given them to the GOI.

Note: Because in the past the GOI has had taken up to the final moments to form a group and or made changes, it is not advisable for the participant to make personal travel. The Embassy will not entertain last minute changes that are of a personal nature. We will do everything possible to work with the GOI to make all the official travel requirements.

- B. DS/ATA will provide ground transportation to and from the airport in USA.
- C. The participants will be lodged in double occupancy unless there are female or exigent circumstances that preclude this. The delegation leader will be lodged in a single room whenever possible. Lodging will be either in a dormitory, if available, at the training site or a local hotel. DS/ATA will arrange for lodging directly and fund only the cost of lodging and applicable taxes. Any additional costs such as telephone calls, pay-per-view movies, or room service will be borne by the participants.
- D. Each student will receive **\$255/-** as their full subsistence grant. These funds are intended to pay for the participant's incidental expenses while in training, no other funds are allotted.

- E. Meals and lodging are provided at no cost to the participants. Breakfast and dinner will be served at the training site. Lunches will be provided by ATA and sent to the training site.
- F. Please ensure that the potential participants are fully aware of the course content, living conditions, and classroom hours.

Please advise in writing no later than **June 10, 2015**, if the GOI accepts this course offering under the terms and requirements cited above. Also, please address your response to the Regional Security Officer and if there are any questions, please contact the security office at the U.S. Embassy, telephone 2419-8000.

If you have any questions / concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the U.S. Embassy, telephone number 2419-8000.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

For: 

Christopher J. Gillis  
Deputy Regional Security Officer  
United States Embassy, New Delhi

Enclosed: As stated

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1. **Name of the Officer** :  
(Complete name in capital letter,  
No Abbreviation)
2. **Gender** :
3. **Designation/Rank with Address** :
4. **Date of Birth** :
5. **Place of Birth** :
6. **Date of joining in Police Service** :  
(IPS-Cadre & Year/Non IPS)
7. **Educational Qualification** :
8. **Present place of posting with Profile** :  
**Present work detail**
9. **Official Passport No. if any** :
10. **Official Passport valid/expired** :
11. **Address (Permanent)** :
12. **Address (Present)** :
13. **Telephone Number:**
  - a. **Office:**-----
  - b. **Residence**-----
  - c. **Mobile No.**-----
  - d. **Fax No.**-----
  - e. **E-mail address**-----
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(Signature)