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Sub: Invitation for attending Monsoon Mission Review meeting to be held at IITM, Pune, India during 18-20 February, 2015

Date: 19th January, 2015

Dear **Dr. Ajaya Mohan Ravindran**,

As you know the Earth System Science Organization (ESSO), Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India has launched the National Monsoon Mission (NMM), with an overall objective of improving monsoon forecasts on all time scales. Under this mission, we have already approved 31 research projects for funding including your project entitled “**A novel approach for improving rain-gauge data assimilation and extended range prediction of sub-seasonal variability over India.**” We thank you for kindly participating in the Monsoon Mission initiative. In order to review the progress of the monsoon mission projects, we are organizing a **Monsoon Mission Review meeting** during 18-20 February, 2015 at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune. A draft agenda of the Monsoon Mission Review meeting is enclosed herewith for your perusal. The meeting will start at 0930 AM on 18th February and will be closed by 1400 hrs on 20th February.

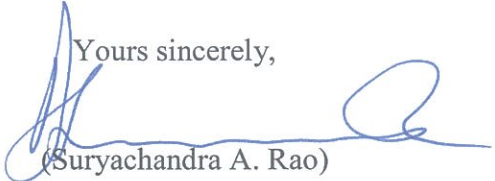
Although your project is not started, your participation in this meeting is desired as it will give you an idea on ongoing works under Monsoon Mission and I cordially invite you to participate in the above meeting. We will be pleased to extend local hospitality including hotel accommodation, ground transportation and other facilities for a comfortable stay in Pune during the meeting. We hope that you will be able to arrange your expenditure towards travel from your Institute. A line confirming your participation will be highly appreciated.

This letter of invitation may be used to apply for obtaining appropriate visa for entry in India. I request you to kindly fill up the attached Performa with personal details and send to us at **monsoon_mission@tropmet.res.in** at the earliest so that necessary approvals from the Ministry of External Affairs can be obtained for visa purpose, if you need a visa to enter India.

If you need any other information and details, please let us know. Thanking you and looking forward to your participation.

Awaiting for a line of confirmation. Thank you.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

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