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Sub : KERALA POLICE DEPT. – Acceptance of Driving License, Registration Certificate or other documents presented through 'DigiLocker' or 'mParivahan platform' - Instructions issued - Reg.

Ref : Letter No.RT- 11036/64/2017-MVL dated 08/08/2018 from the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MVL Section), Govt of India.

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India have been receiving a number of Grievances / RTI applications, where the citizens have raised the issue that the documents available in the 'DigiLocker' or 'mParivahan app' of the Ministry are not considered valid by the Traffic Police or the Motor Vehicles Department, when asked to produce.

02. In this circumstances, the Ministry has requested, vide letter cited above, to consider the documents available in the 'electronic form' in the DigiLocker platform or the mParivahan mobile app as valid under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and be treated at par with the certificates issued by the transport authorities.

03. In order to effect the directions received in this regard from the Ministry, the following instructions are issued herewith for strict compliance along with copy the letter in reference for strict compliance.

a) As per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the owner/ driver has to produce the documents viz. license or certificate of registration etc. to the authority on demand. Such required documents are available on 'DigiLocker' or 'mParivahan app' in electronic form and these are deemed to be legally recognised at par with the original documents / certificates issued by the transport authorities, as per the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000.



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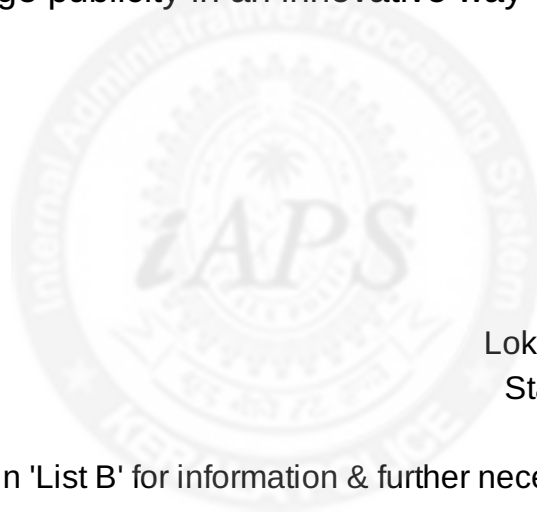
b) If the vehicle registration details on the 'mParivahan' / 'eChallan app' of the Ministry contain the details of the Insurance Policy, which is in force, then the requirement of a physical copy of the insurance certificate is also not to be enforced.

c). In cases where there is an offence made out and that there is a requirement of the documents to be impounded, the enforcement agencies can have such impounding reflected in the VAHAN/SARATHI database electronically through the 'eChallan' system. There would be no requirement of physical seizure of such documents.

d). The District Police Chiefs will circulate the directions from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways among all officers and Police Personnel under their jurisdiction with a view to alleviate the inconveniences caused to the public because of the insistence on physical documents.

04. The ADGP, SCRB will make this Circular and the directions from the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways available to the public by uploading the same on the official website of the Kerala Police Department immediately.

IGP Traffic will arrange publicity in an innovative way



Loknath Behera IPS
State Police Chief

To : All Officers in 'List B' for information & further necessary action.

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Government of India

सड़क परिवहन और राजमार्ग मंत्रालय

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(MVL Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated the, 8th August, 2018

To,
The Principal Secretaries /The Secretaries of the Department of Transport,
The DGP / ADGP (Traffic),
The Transport Commissioners
of all the States/UTs.

Subject: Acceptance of Driving Licence, Registration Certificate or other documents presented through DigiLocker or mParivahan platform - reg.

Madam/Sir,

This Ministry has received a number of Grievances/RTI applications where the citizens have raised the issue that the documents available in DigiLocker or the mParivahan app of this Ministry are not considered valid by the traffic police or the motor vehicles department, when asked to produce.

2. The DigiLocker platform of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and the mParivahan mobile app of this Ministry has the facility to pull a citizen's Driving Licence or the Registration Certificate or any other certificate in an electronic form. These electronic records available on DigiLocker or mParivahan are deemed to be legally recognised at par with the original documents as per the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

3. As per the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988, and the Central Motor Vehicles Rules 1989, the owner / driver has to produce the documents viz. licence or certificate of registration etc. to the authority on demand.

4. The data related to the insurance of new vehicles and renewal of insurance of vehicles is also being uploaded by the Insurance Information Board (IIB) on the VAHAN database on a daily basis now and the same is reflected on the mParivahan / eChallan app of the Ministry. If the vehicle registration details on the mParivahan / eChallan app contain the details of the policy which is in-force, then the requirement of a physical copy of the insurance certificate is also not to be enforced.

5. In light of the provisions of the Information Technology Act 2000, it is requested to consider the documents available in the 'electronic form' in the DigiLocker platform

or the mParivahan mobile app as valid under the Motor Vehicles Act 1988 and be treated at par with the certificates issued by the transport authorities.

6. In cases where there is an offence made out and that there is a requirement of the documents to be impounded, the enforcement agencies can have such impounding reflected in the VAHAN / SARATHI database electronically through the 'eChallan' system. There would be no requirement of physical seizure of the such documents.

7. If any State is using any such online enforcement solution through alternative database, then the State shall transfer the relevant information electronically through web service of VAHAN / SARATHI database.

8. This IT based online verification of certificates would also help the enforcement authority in ensuring the genuineness of the details which further would result in better compliance and effective monitoring.

9. This will be a step under the Digital India programme with a vision to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy.

Yours faithfully,



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