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भारत सरकार
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

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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