From

The DGP & State Police Chief,
Kerala.

To

All District Police Chiefs (N/C)

Sir,

Sub : KERALA POLICE HQrs – DigiLocker: Acceptance of Certificates in digital form -demonstration cum discussion workshop for the officers of Police Deptment- Reg.

2.PHQ Circular No. 25/2018.

Immediate attention is invited to the subject and references cited.

02. The President & CEO, National e-Governance Division, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology has intimated, vide letter referred above, that the Ministry have received a lot of grievances regarding Police Personnel not accepting digital documents due to lack of knowledge about DigiLocker and hence they wish to hold a DigiLocker demonstration cum discussion workshop for the officers of Police Deptment, which will be arranged through the State IT Department.

03. It is also requested to write to support@digitallocker.gov.in or to contact Mr. Durgaprasad Dash, Addl. General Manager, NeGD at durga@digitalindia.gov.in (Mob: 7735001000) for further clarification regarding the above.

04. In this connection, you are hereby directed to follow the instructions issued on the subject matter in the PHQ Circular, vide reference 2nd cited and avail the service as mentioned above, if necessary.

Yours faithfully
Copy To: 1. The ADsGP SZ/NZ, IsGP Ranges for information.
       2. CAs to SPC/ADGP HQ/SP HQ.
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.
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.

To 2. D Space.
3. JD PR
4. CA to SPC
Endt No D2-18026/2018/ID Dated. 26-11-2018

Copy of letter No.S2(a)-121652/2018/PHQ dtd:23/11/2018 received from SPC,Kerala related to PHQ circular No.25/2018 regarding the 'DigiLocker' system for the acceptance of certificates in digital form is forwarded to all officers for information and strict compliance of the instructions.

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