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GOVERNMENT OF MIZORAM
DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY
MIZORAM : AIZAWL

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Dated Aizawl, the 9th August, 2019

1. Digilocker is a key initiative under Digital India Programme, implemented by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India. DigiLocker is a vital cog in enabling Digital India's visions of providing the citizens with a shareable private space on a public cloud and making all documents/certificates available on this cloud. For Government departments, it reduces the administrative overheads by minimizing the use of paper and makes it easier to validate the authenticity of documents as they are issued directly by the registered issuers.

2. DigiLocker is a platform to access the documents and certificates issued by an authority and verify the same in a digital way, thus eliminating the use of physical documents. Department/ Organizations that get registered with DigiLocker can push electronic copies of documents and certificates issued by them (eg driving license, voter ID, certificates issued by educational institution, University degree, ration card, certificates issued by Revenue department etc.) directly into citizen's DigiLocker account. The thrust of DigiLocker is to promote the vision of paperless governance, thus enabling any citizen to produce requisite documents anytime, anywhere in legally acceptable electronic form. This enables citizens to seamlessly share certificates/ document in various electronic applications without carrying physical copies.

3. Subsequently an amendment to the Information Technology (Preservation and Retention of Information by intermediaries Providing DigiLocker facilities) Rules, 2016 was issued vide notification read as 2nd above. As per Rule 9A of the notification, notified on 8th February, 2017, the documents issued/ publish by various departments/ organizations in DigiLocker system shall deemed to be at par with original physical documents.

4. Government have observed the matter in detail and it is observed that despite creditable implementation of e-Governance projects and retention of data in digital form, departments mostly rely on physical copies of certificates and documents for delivery of services and benefits to citizen. Availability, accessibility and varication of documents in digital form would be a transformative step in service delivery.

In this circumstance Government are pleased to approve the following:-

- a) Adoption of DigiLocker system in Government departments, PSUs, autonomous bodies, institution and university in the State.
- b) For uploading to DigiLocker by departments/agencies, individual orders/consent from any other authority is not required.
- c) Departments and agencies in the State will register themselves as an issuer/verifier/requester compulsorily according to their requirements.

- d) Departments concerned, shall take necessary steps to integrate their applications with DigiLocker for issuing and verification of certificates and also ensure that all certificates already issued and will be issued, are published in DigiLocker.
- e) Documents/certificates made available at DigiLocker by issuing departments/institutions/university/agencies etc. shall be treated on par with physical copies that are accepted now. Service rendering departments shall accept such documents in DigiLocker as valid, as specified in the Govt. of India notification.
- f) Information & Communication Technology department will be the nodal agency for implementing DigiLocker in the State. ICT department and State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) will handhold and provide necessary support to the departments at all stages from registration to Go-Live into DigiLocker with the assistance of National e-Governance Division (NeGD), MeitY, Govt. of India.

Sd/-

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