

Driving Licenses and Vehicle Registration Certificates can now be accessed through Mobile App

Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Shipping and Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Electronics & Information Technology and Law & Justice jointly launched a new service - integration of DigiLocker with Driving Licenses (DL) & Vehicle Registration Certificates (RC) in New Delhi today. With this integration people will no longer need to carry around physical copies of their RCs and Driving Licences. They can instead access digital copies of the same on their mobile phones via the DigiLocker mobile app. Driving Licenses and Vehicle Registration documents can now be issued directly to the DigiLockers of individuals in digital formats. These digital copies can be shared with other departments as identity and address proof. They will also be used for on the spot verification through the citizen's mobile, by various law enforcement authorities like the Traffic Police. Besides being convenient for people, this will also result in assured authenticity of such documents and reduction of administrative overhead.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Nitin Gadkari said that this platform is a major step forward towards ensuring greater transparency and cutting down corruption and red-tapism. He said the move will benefit a large number of people by facilitating ease of access to the documents.

Launching the service Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad said that the integration will bring a paradigm shift in the vision of paperless governance. It will serve to bring agility and efficiency to the entire process of issuance of driving licenses and vehicle registration certificates through IT enablement.

DigiLocker, launched by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in July last year, aims at transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. It is a platform for issuance and verification of documents and certificates digitally. When a person signs up for a DigiLocker he gets access to a dedicated cloud storage space for his important documents. DigiLocker currently has 21,26,332 registered users with 24,11,702 uploaded documents and has issued over 4,26,73,232 documents as on 01 September 2016. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is actively digitizing driving licences and registration certificates and maintaining a National Register System. With today's launch this National Register System has got integrated with DigiLocker, making over 19 crore Vehicle Registration Certificates and over 9 crore driving licenses available in the citizens' lockers. Once the data from the remaining RTO's is updated in the

National Register Systems, the digital copies of those driving licenses and vehicle registration certificates will also be available via DigiLocker.

In order to access the digital RC and DL a person needs to first sign up for a DigiLocker. He then needs to download the DigiLocker Android App from Google PlayStore. In the Mobile App he will have to select the Issued Documents section and then the DL/RC. Field staff like the Traffic Police can do offline verification of RC/DL using QR Code. Apart from the mobile view version, digitally signed documents can also be accessed electronically, and these will be at par with the physical issued documents as per IT Act 2000.

Shri Ajay Kumar, Additional Secretary, MeitY informed that with today's integration, MoRTH becomes the 17th issuer to issue its documents to DigiLocker. He also informed that this is the largest such integration since DigiLocker was launched last July.

Shri Abhay Damle, Joint Secretary, MoRTH said that the Ministry is working towards intergrating even documents like vehicle insurance and fitness certificates to DigiLocker .

The integration is the result of continuous coordination between MoRTH and MeitY with technical support from National Informatics Centre and National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology. Secretary MeitY and senior officials of NIC were also present on the occasion.

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