

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT

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Dated 25/07/2022

From -

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Principal Secretary to Government

To

The DC-cum-ACS to Government/
All Additional Chief Secretaries to Government/
All Principal Secretaries to Government/
All Commissioner-cum-Secretaries to Government/
All Departments

Sub: Mandatory usage of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) /e-Sign for processing of bills and generation of sanction orders in IFMS.

Ref: F.D. Letter No-23890/F dated 20.07.2018 and F.D.O.M. No-37122/F dated 01.11.2019

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that the State Government have taken various initiatives to move towards a digital financial transaction system in the State. To enable end to end digital transaction from office of the Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) to the Treasury and Accountant General, IFMS Odisha provides various facilities such as online generation of sanction order; online submission of bills along with sub-vouchers using DSC/e-Sign, electronic Book of Drawal etc. It has been mandated that the Treasuries will not accept any claims which are not supported by sanction orders generated through IFMS on or after 01.08.2018 vide F.D. Letter No-23890/F dated 20.07.2018.

2. Further, in an endeavour to migrate to a completely digital transaction system, Electronic Voucher (e-Voucher) is being implemented in IFMS where all relevant documents relating to payment of various claims against the government are digitally signed and submitted to O/o the Accountant General. Electronic submission of vouchers has been successfully piloted in the Special Treasury No-II (OLA Campus), Bhubaneswar. Hon'ble Finance Minister during presentation of the Annual Budget 2022-23 in the Odisha Legislative Assembly

declared that e-Voucher will be implemented across the State during the current FY. Electronic Voucher will be accepted by O/o the Accountant General only when they are processed using DSC/e-Sign. The manner and use of DSC/e-Sign by various competent authorities for generation of sanction order and processing of bills in IFMS has been described in detail in F.D.O.M. No-37122/F dated 01.11.2019.

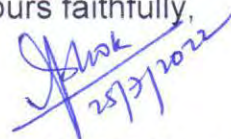
3. All the DDOs and most of the Sanctioning Authorities in the State have been provided with DSC/e-Sign for use in IFMS. During the first quarter of FY 2022-23 (i.e., April to June), 4943 Sanctioning Authorities approved Sanction Orders using DSC/e-Sign which accounts for 93.67% of the total number of sanction orders generated during the period. Further, during the aforesaid period, out of 95,508 bills submitted by DDOs and processed through IFMS, 93,114 bills are digitally signed which is about 97% of the total bills processed. The above fact and figure indicate the readiness of IFMS system to handle the processing of digitally signed claims and the acquaintance of the users.

4. Hence, State Government have now decided that all the bills, sanction orders and all the documents attached to the bills shall be mandatorily signed by the DDO concerned using DSC/e-Sign for submission to Treasuries w.e.f., **22nd August, 2022. It is reiterated that henceforth Treasuries will not accept any claims which are not supported with digitally signed sanction orders, bills, sub-vouchers generated through IFMS.**

5. Although DSC/e-Sign has been issued to all DDOs and Sanctioning Authorities during the last Financial Year, however, during the intervening period, some new DDOs/ Sanctioning Authorities may have joined the establishment. In case, where the Authority(s) does not have DSC/e-Sign, concerned Department/ Establishment may procure the same from the Certifying Agencies by following the due procedure. They may also seek technical support from the local treasuries, if required.

It is, therefore, requested that necessary instructions may kindly be issued to all concerned under your administrative control to ensure that all sanction orders for payment of government claims are issued through IFMS using DSC/e-Sign. All bills, sub-vouchers and other documents as required to be attached to the claims should also be furnished in IFMS using DSC/e-Sign.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government

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Copy forwarded to the Director of Treasuries & Inspection, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action w.r.t letter No 7613 dated 17.06.2022. It is requested to issue instruction to all treasuries accordingly.



Under Secretary to Government

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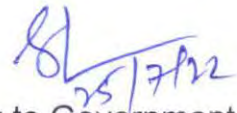
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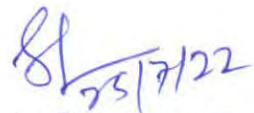
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