



GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Abstract

Taxes Department - Registration – e-Stamping for all denominations related to registerable as well as non-registerable documents–
Sanction Accorded - Orders Issued

TAXES (J) DEPARTMENT

G.O.(Rt)No.66/2021/TAXES Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 29/01/2021

Read G.O (P) No. 23/2017/TD dated 07/04/2017 (SRO No.182/2017 published in the Kerala Gazette Notification No.690 dated 7th April, 2017)

ORDER

The system of physical stamp paper that gets printed in the High Security Printing Press at Nasik and Hyderabad, sold through the Treasury and the licensed Stamp Vendors is still prevailing in Kerala. After a major scam of duplicate stamp paper, most of the States in India have moved to total “e-stamping”, a digital form of creating stamps which could be used for registration and other purposes.

2) Accordingly, the legal enablement for e-stamping has been done through inserting a new chapter viz 'Chapter III A' in the Kerala Stamp Act, 1959, vide G.O read above. Initially e-stamping was made mandatory for instruments chargeable with stamp duty for an amount above Rupees One Lakh and the procedure for generating the same was also mentioned thereon. As per the provisions of this new chapter, “*The instrument chargeable with duty for an amount of less than Rupees One Lakh shall be stamped with either impressed stamp or e-stamp*”

only, provided that such instrument shall be stamped with e-stamp only with effect from a date as determined by the Government". Now the Government have decided to implement e-stamping for all denominations related to registerable as well as non-registerable documents.

3) The electronic system for e-stamping for all denominations has been made ready for implementation after suitable integration with the PEARL System of Registration Department and the e-treasury portal of Treasury Department. The Inspector General of Registration and the Director, Treasuries shall jointly prepare the detailed operational guidelines for generating e-stamps mentioning the role of stamp vendors and make available the same for public download from both portals. The Government is also exploring the possibility of facilitating mobile governance for e-stamping system through the use of suitable mobile applications.

4) The system will also give access to Stamp vendors through secured login credentials and enabling them to issue e-stamps within their selling limit, through an approved process. This platform will be facilitated to act as a stamp vendor management system with provisions for procuring stamps electronically from e-treasury system.

5) Government after having detailed discussion with the stake holders, are pleased to accord approval for implementation of e-stamping for all denominations related to registerable as well as non registerable documents with effect from 01.02.2021.

(By order of the Governor)
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The Director, Directorate of Treasuries

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