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Kanhaiya Lal Sah,
Under Secretary to Govt.

To,
Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
All Departments, Bihar

Patna - 15 /dt - 3-10-16


Subject:- Digital Signature Technology for authentication of documents under the electronic signature or electronic authentication technique and procedure Rules, 2015- regarding.

Sir/ Madam,

I am directed to send a copy of DO letter no.- 12(04)/2014 - CCA(Pt.5)/4221-57 dated 30th August, 2016 of Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Govt. of India for information and necessary action.

Enc : As above.

Yours Faithfully


30/9/16

(Kanhaiya Lal Sah)

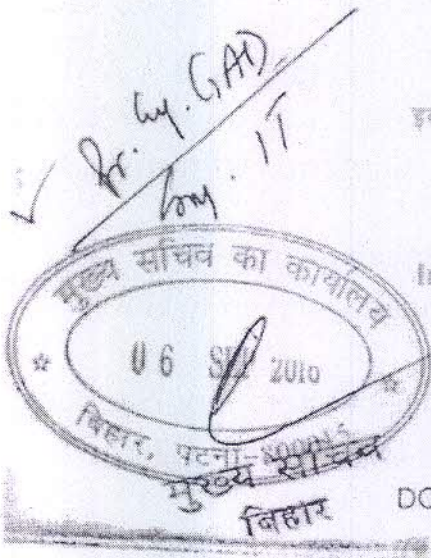
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Dear Chief Secretary,

Electronic authentication of digital documents is an important part of eGov services. Beneficiaries need to sign applications or associated documents while making a request for service. Such authentication was previously done only through dongle based Digital Signature.

2. eSign Technology, a substitute for Digital Signature technology for authentication of documents, was formally launched by the Prime Minister on July 1, 2015. The eSign have legal binding under the Electronic Signature or Electronic Authentication Technique and Procedure Rules, 2015 issued under the Information Technology Act, 2000 (as amended in 2008).

3. eSign offers several advantages over standard dongle based Digital Signature. It ensures that the Digital Signature is done only by the individual concerned and not by someone else possessing the dongle. The cost of eSign is fraction of the cost of dongle based Digital Signature. An eSign is presently being offered at around Rs.5 but with volumes increasing, we may expect this value to come down to Rs.1/signature.

4. An ecosystem of eSign providers is being developed in the country. Three eSign providers have been licensed by Controller of Certifying Authority and are presently providing eSign Services. The details of these providers are available on website www.cca.gov.in/esign.

5. It is, therefore, suggested that all Ministries/Department/State Governments may integrate eSign facility with their applications. NIC is being advised to provide necessary technical support in this regard. For any query or clarification Smt. Debjani Nag, (email: dn@cca.gov.in), Controller of Certifying Authorities may also be contacted.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Aruna Sundararajan)

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