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Sub: E & IT Department – Non-availability of tick mark in the Digitally signed documents – Clarification issued – reg.

The latest versions of e-Office (5.6 and above) displays digital signature details only along with the original content of the page. The printed version of the document does not contain the tick mark along with signature. This is creating confusion among officials as well as for the public. The official PDF specification ISO 32000-1 also does not support any in-document visualizations to verify signature validity.

The Government are pleased to clarify that there will not be any tick mark of any type or any color along with signature in the digitally signed documents issued by Government Departments in future. To verify the validity of digitally signed PDF documents, the officials have to check the digital version of the documents using the signature status bar and Signature Panel in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Kerala State IT Mission shall publish the detailed guidelines for verification of digitally signed documents on the website (https://itmission.kerala.gov.in).

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