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The Principal Chief Materials Managers,
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Sub.- Safe Custody of Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)

Digital Signature Certificate(s) (DSC) are being used on Indian Railways for various activities/functions of Stores Department related to procurement, auction, payments etc. and is integral part of end to end digitization. Digital Signature has legal validity as per IT Act’2000 (latest amended). As per the Information Technology Act (latest amended), safekeeping of the crypto-token, Digital Certificates, PIN etc. is the personal responsibility of the Subscriber (a person whose name the Digital Certificate is issued). If the Digital Signature Certificate has been compromised in any manner, then, the subscriber shall communicate the same without any delay to the Certifying Authority. The subscriber shall be liable till he has informed the Certifying Authority that his Digital Signature key has been compromised. Subscribers are advised to go through the IT Act (latest amended) to know and understand in detail the various provisions related to these aspects.

It is, therefore, advised that utmost care must be taken to ensure that DSC token, its password or user credentials are kept safely/securely and not shared with anyone. This may also be apprised to all the officials under your control.

PCMMs and CMMs may make this aspect as one of the standard inspection points while doing inspections.

(Vinod Kumar)
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