



Indian Banks' Association

HR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

No.CIR/HR&IR/H6/2011-12/4699

December 19, 2011

**All Members of the Association
(Designated Officers)**

Dear Sirs,

Public Holidays for the Year 2012 in the State of West Bengal

We enclose a copy of the Government Notification containing the list of public holidays declared under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 in the State of West Bengal for the Year 2012.

We have to clarify that 'public holiday' declared by Central/State Governments/ Union Territory, includes 'Sundays' as indicated under the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Branches of banks working on Sundays observe their weekly-off on any other day of the week as decided by the Bank and notified to members of staff and public. Therefore, all Sundays will be working days for Sunday working branches, except those Sundays declared as holidays by the Central/ State Government/ Union Territory for a specified festival/occasion in a particular year, under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Yours faithfully,

**(K Ganesan)
Vice President**

Encl.

c.c.to: Associate Members

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch

No. 10972-F(P)

Kolkata, the 7th December, 2011.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881), read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-Pub(I) dated the 8th June, 1957 the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be public holidays during the year 2012.

Netaji's Birthday	: 23 rd January, Monday
Republic Day	: 26 th January, Thursday
** Shree Panchami	: 28 th January, Saturday
Dol Jatra	: 8 th March, Thursday
Good Friday	: 6 th April, Friday
** Bengali New Years' Day	: 14 th April, Saturday
May Day	: 1 st May, Tuesday
Independence Day	: 15 th August, Wednesday
Id-UI-Fitre	: 20 th August Monday
Gandhiji's Birthday	: 2 nd October, Tuesday
Mahalaya	: 15 th October, Monday
Durga Puja	
Ashtami	: 22 nd October, Monday
Nabami	: 23 rd October, Tuesday
Dasami	: 24 th October, Wednesday
** Id-Uz-Zoha	: 27 th October, Saturday
Lakshmi Puja	: 29 th October, Monday
Kali Puja	: 13 th November, Tuesday
Guru Nanak's Birthday & Parswanath's Rathajatra	: 28 th November, Wednesday
Christmas Day	: 25 th December, Tuesday

NOTE :

- (1) Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
- (2) In the year 2012, the following festivals/occasions fall on Sundays which are Public Holidays under N.I. Act. and hence have not been included in the list of holidays :
 - (i) Saptami of Durga Puja : 21st October
 - (ii) Muharram : 25th November
- (3) The holiday with double asterisk marks i.e.(**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays is not observed as full holiday.
- (4) General Instructions laid down below Notification No. 10975-F(P), dated 07.12.2011. Enclosed herewith are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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No. 10973-F(P)

Kolkata, the 7th December, 2011.

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-Pub(I) dated 8th June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be Public Holidays during the year 2012.

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| (1) Yearly closing Bank' Account | : 2 nd April, Monday |
| (2) Half-Yearly closing of Bank's Account | : 29 th September, Saturday |

NOTE :

All the State Government Offices including Treasuries, Sub-Treasuries shall remain open on the 2nd April, 2012, which has been declared as Public Holidays under N.I. Act, under this Notification. However, those Government offices where Saturdays are not observed as full holidays will remain open on 29th September, 2012.

No. 10974-F(P)

Kolkata, the 7th December, 2011.

The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year 2012, which are not declared to be Public Holidays, the offices under the Government of West Bengal with the exception of the offices of the Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata and Collector of the Stamp Revenue, Kolkata shall be closed :

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| Birthday of Swami Vivekananda | : 12 th January, Thursday |
| Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore | : 8 th May, Tuesday |
| Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt
(For Darjeeling District only) | : 13 th July, Friday |
| Janmastami | : 9 th August, Thursday |
| Ekadasi of Durga Puja | : 25 th October, Thursday |
| Bhatridwitiya | : 15 th November, Thursday |

NOTE :

In the year 2012, Fateh Duaz Daham (5th February) falls on Sunday which is Public Holiday under N.I. Act and as such the day has not been included in the above list.

No. 10975-F(P)

Kolkata, the 7th December, 2011.

The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed as Sectional Holidays in the year 2012 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each :-

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| Mahabir Jayanti | : 4 th April, Wednesday (for Jains only) |
| ** Easter Saturday | : 7 th April, Saturday (for Christians only) |
| Baisakhi | : 13 th April, Friday (for Sikhs only) |
| Sabe Barat | : 6 th July, Friday (for Muslims only) |

NOTE :

- (1) In 2012, Buddha Purnima (for Buddhist only) falls on 6th May which is a Sunday and a Public Holiday under N.I. Act. So, the day has not been included here.
- (2) The holidays with double asterisk mark i.e. (**) are applicable to those Government Offices where Saturday is not observed as full holiday.

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN ALL TYPES OF HOLIDAYS INCLUDING HOLIDAYS FOR
THE MUSLIM FESTIVALS

- (1) No substitute holiday should be allowed if any of the festival-holidays initially notified subsequently happens to fall on a weekly off or any other non-working day or in the event of more than one festival falling on the same day.
- (2) If there is any change in the date of Id-UI-Fitre, Id-Uz-Zoha, Muharram, Fateh-Duaz-Daham, Sab-e-Barat depending upon the sighting of the Moon, holiday will be declared by a separate order for the date on which the festival would be actually observed in lieu of the date originally notified as holiday for this festival.
- (3) It may happen that the change of date of the above occasions has to be notified at a very short notice.

In such a situation, announcement would be made through T.V./A.I.R./Newspapers and the Heads of Departments/Offices of the State Government may take action according to such an announcement without waiting for a formal order, about the change of date.

By Order of the Governor,
Sd/- A.K. Das
Joint Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Kolkata, the 7th December, 2011.

No. 10972/1(500)-F(P)

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :

1. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-1.
2. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kol-12.
3. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P-1, Hyde Lane, Jawahar Buildings, Kolkata-700 073.
4. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001.
5. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 0091.
6. The District Magistrate/Judge, _____
7. The Sub-Divisional Officer, _____
8. The Treasury Officer, _____
9. The _____ Deptt./Dte.
10. The Commissioner, _____
11. The Superintendent of Police, _____
12. The Principal, Industrial Training Institute, _____
13. The Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer, _____
14. All Chamber of Commerce _____
15. All Group, Cell, Branch _____
16. All State Government _____
17. It is requested that this Memo. may be circulated to all offices under their control.

Assistant Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department