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Subject: Holidays to be observed in Government Offices during the year 2009.

It has been decided that the holidays as specified in the **Annexure –I** to this O.M. will be observed in all the Administrative Offices of the Central Government at Delhi / New Delhi during 2009. In addition, each employee will also be allowed to avail himself of any two holidays to be chosen by him out of the list of Restricted Holidays in **Annexure – II**.

2. Central Government Administrative Offices located outside Delhi / New Delhi shall observe the following holidays compulsorily in addition to three holidays as per para 3.1 below:

1. REPUBLIC DAY
2. INDEPENDENCE DAY
3. MAHATMA GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY
4. BUDHA PURNIMA
5. CHRISTMAS
6. DUSSEHRA (VIJAYA DASHMI)
7. DIWALI (DEEPAVALI)
8. GOOD FRIDAY
9. GURU NANAK'S BIRTHDAY
10. IDU'L FITR
11. IDU'L ZUHA
12. MAHAVIR JAYANTHI
13. MUHARRAM
14. PROPHET MOHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY (ID-E-MILAD)

3.1. In addition to the above 14 Compulsory holidays mentioned in para 2, three holidays shall be decided from the list indicated below by the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committee in the State Capitals, if necessary, in consultation with Coordination Committees at other places in the State. The final list applicable uniformly to all Central Government offices within the concerned State shall be notified after seeking prior approval of this Ministry and no change can be carried out thereafter. It is also clarified that no change is permissible in regard to festivals as indicated and the dates notified by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

1. **AN ADDITIONAL DAY FOR DUSSEHRA**
2. **HOLI**
3. **JANAMSHTAMI**
4. **RAM NAVAMI**
5. **MAHA SHIVRATRI**
6. **GANESH CHATURTHI / VINAYAK CHATURTHI**
7. **MAKARASANKARANTI**
8. **RATH YATRA**
9. **ONAM**
10. **PONGAL**
11. **SRI PANCHAMI / BASANTA PACHAMI**
12. **VISHU/ VAISAKHI / VAISAKHADI / BHAG BIHU / MASHADI UGADI / CHAITRA SAKLADI / CHETI CHAND / GUDI PADA 1ST NAVRATRA / NAURAJ**

3.2 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.

4. The list of Restricted Holidays appended to this O.M. is meant for Central Government Offices located in Delhi / New Delhi. The Coordination Committees at the State Capitals may draw up separate list of Restricted Holidays keeping in view the occasions of local importance but the 9 occasions left over, after choosing the 3 variable holidays in para 3.1 above, are to be included in the list of restricted holidays.

5.1 For offices in Delhi / New Delhi, any change in the date of holidays in respect of Idu'l Fitr, Idu'l Zuha, Muhurram and Id-e-Milad, if necessary, depending upon sighting of the Moon, would be notified by the Ministry of Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions after ascertaining the position from the Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

5.2 For offices outside Delhi / New Delhi, the Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committees at the State Capitals are authorised to change the date of holiday, if necessary, based on the decision of the concerned State Governments / Union Territories, in respect of Idu'l Fitr, Idu'l Zuha, Muhurram and Id-e-Milad.

5.3 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 could be made through T.V. / A.I.R. / Newspapers and the Heads of Department / Offices of the Central Government may take action according to such an announcement without waiting for a formal order, about the change of date.

6. During 2009, Diwali (Deepavali) falls on Saturday, October 17, 2009 (Asvina 25). In certain States, the practice is to celebrate the occasion a day in advance, i.e. on "Narakachaturdasi Day". In view of this there is no objection if holiday on account of Deepavali is observed on "Narakachaturdasi Day (in place of Deepavali Day) for the Central Government offices in a State if in that State that day alone is declared as a compulsory holiday for Diwali for the offices of the State Government. However, in the year 2009, Diwali (Deepavali) and Narakachaturdasi Day both are falling on the same day i.e. October 17, 2009.

7. Central Government Organizations which include industrial, commercial and trading establishments would observe upto 16 holidays in a year including three national holidays viz. the Republic Day, the Independence Day and the Mahatma Gandhi Birthday, as compulsory holidays. The remaining holidays / occasions may be determined by such establishments/organizations themselves for the year 2009, subject to para 3.2 above.

8. Union Territory Administrations shall decide the list of holidays in terms of Ministry of Home Affairs letter No.14046/27/83- GPI dated 15.2.1984 by which they would observe a total of 16 holidays including the three National Holidays viz. the Republic Day, the Independence Day and the Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday.

9. In respect of Indian Missions abroad, the number of holidays may be notified in accordance with the instructions contained in this Department's O.M.No.12/5/2002-JCA dated 17th December,2002. In other words, they will have the option to select 11 holidays of their own only after including in the list, three National Holidays and Buddha Purnima, Diwali, Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) included in the list of compulsory holidays and falling on days of weekly off.

10. In respect of Banks, the holidays are restricted to 15 days in a year in terms of the instructions issued by the Department of Economic Affairs (Banking Division).

11. Hindi version will follow.

Encl. Lists of holidays


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**LIST OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR 2009 FOR DELHI
/ NEW DELHI OFFICES**

| S.No. | Gazetted Holiday | Date | 1930 SAKA ERA | Day of week |
|-----------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 1.* | Muharram | January 08 | Pausa 18 | Thursday |
| 2. | Republic Day | January 26 | Magha 06 | Monday |
| 3. | Milad-Un-Nabi or Id-E-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Md.) | March 10 | Phalguna 19 | Tuesday |
| 4. | Holi (Dola Yatra) | March 11 | Phalguna 20 | Wednesday |
| <u>1931 SAKA ERA</u> | | | | |
| 5. | Ram Navami | April 03 | Chaitra 13 | Friday |
| 6. | Mahavir Jayanti | April 07 | Chaitra 17 | Tuesday |
| 7. | Good Friday | April 10 | Chaitra 20 | Friday |
| 8. | Buddha Purnima | May 09 | Vaisakha 19 | Saturday |
| 9. | Janamashtami (Vaisnava) | August 14 | Sravana 23 | Friday |
| 10. | Independence Day | August 15 | Sravana 24 | Saturday |
| 11. | Idu'l Fitr | September 21 | Bhadra 30 | Monday |
| 12. | Dussehra (Vijaya Dashami) | September 28 | Asvina 06 | Monday |
| 13. | Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday | October 02 | Asvina 10 | Friday |
| 14. | Diwali (Deepavali) | October 17 | Asvina 25 | Saturday |
| 15. | Guru Nanak's Birthday | November 02 | Kartika 11 | Monday |
| 16. | Idu'l Zuha (Bakrid) | November 28 | Agrahayana 07 | Saturday |
| 17. | Christmas Day | December 25 | Pausa 04 | Friday |
| * | Muharram | December 28 | Pausa 07 | Monday |

* Muharram falls twice in the year 2009. It is likely that there may be no Muharram holiday during 2010.

ANNEXURE-II**LIST OF RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS FOR 2009 FOR DELHI / NEW DELHI OFFICES**

| S.No (1) | Holiday (2) | Date (3) | 1930 SAKA ERA | Day (5) |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 | New Year Day | January 01 | Pausa 11 | Thursday |
| 2. | Guru Govind Singh's Birthday | January 05 | Pausa 15 | Monday |
| 3. | Makara Samkranti (North India) | January 13 | Pausa 23 | Tuesday |
| 4. | Makara Samkranti (Bengal) | January 14 | Pausa 24 | Wednesday |
| 5. | Pongal (South India) | January 14 | Pausa 24 | Wednesday |
| 6. | Basanta Panchami /Shree Panchami | January 31 | Magha 11 | Saturday |
| 7. | Guru Ravidas' Birthday | February 09 | Magha 20 | Monday |
| 8. | Sivaji Jayanti | February 19 | Magha 30 | Thursday |
| 9. | Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti | February 19 | Magha 30 | Thursday |
| 10. | Maha Shivaratri | February 23 | Phalguna 04 | Monday |
| 11. | Holika Dahana | March 10 | Phalguna 19 | Tuesday |
| | | | 1931 SAKA ERA | |
| 12. | Chaitra / Gudi Padava / Ugadi / Cheti Chand | March 27 | Chaitra 06 | Friday |
| 13 | Easter (Sunday) | April 12 | Chaitra 22 | Sunday |
| 14 | Vaisakhi | April 13 | Chaitra 23 | Monday |
| 15. | Vishu | April 13 | Chaitra 23 | Monday |
| 16. | Mesadi | April 14 | Chaitra 24 | Tuesday |

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| 17. | Vaisakhadi(Bengal)/ Bahag Bihu (Assam) | April | 15 | Chaitra | 25 | Wednesday |
| 18. | Birthday of Rabindranath | May | 09 | Vaisakha | 19 | Saturday |
| 19. | Rath Yatra | June | 24 | Asadha | 03 | Wednesday |
| 20. | Hazarat Ali's Birthday | July | 07 | Asadha | 16 | Tuesday |
| 21. | Raksha Bandhan | August | 05 | Sravana | 14 | Wednesday |
| 22. | Parsi New Year | August | 19 | Sravana | 28 | Wednesday |
| 23. | Ganesh Chaturthi / Vinayaka Chaturthi | August | 23 | Bhadra | 01 | Sunday |
| 24. | Onam | September | 02 | Bhadra | 11 | Wednesday |
| 25. | Jamat-Ui-Vida | September | 18 | Bhadra | 27 | Friday |
| 26. | Maha Saptami | September | 25 | Asvina | 03 | Friday |
| 27. | Maha Ashtami | September | 26 | Asvina | 04 | Saturday |
| 28. | Maha Navmi | September | 27 | Asvina | 05 | Sunday |
| 29. | Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday | October | 04 | Asvina | 12 | Sunday |
| 30. | Deepavali (South India) | October | 17 | Asvina | 25 | Saturday |
| 31. | Naraka Chaturdasi | October | 17 | Asvina | 25 | Saturday |
| 32. | Govardhan Puja | October | 18 | Asvina | 26 | Sunday |
| 33. | Bhai Duj | October | 19 | Asvina | 27 | Monday |
| 34. | Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdrom Day | November | 24 | Agrahayana | 03 | Tuesday |
| 35. | Christmas Eve | December | 24 | Pausa | 03 | Thursday |