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Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)
Establishment (JCA-2) Section

North Block, New Delhi
Dated the 11th July, 2018

Subject: Holidays to be observed in Central Government Offices during the 2019- reg.

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 located at Delhi/New Delhi during the year 2019. In addition, each employee will also be allowed to avail himself/herself of any two holidays to be chosen by him/her 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. BUDDHA PURNIMA
5. CHRISTMAS DAY
6. DUSSEHRA (VIJAY DASHMI)
7. DIWALI (DEEPAVALI)
8. GOOD FRIDAY
9. GURU NANAK'S BIRTHDAY
10. IDU'L FITR
11. IDU'L ZUHA
12. MAHAVIR JAYANTI
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 accordingly and no change can be carried out thereafter.

1. AN ADDITIONAL DAY FOR DUSSEHRA
2. HOLI
3. JANAMASHTAMI (VAISHNAVI)
4. RAM NAVAMI
5. MAHA SHIVRATRI
6. GANESH CHATURTHI / VINAYAK CHATURTHI
7. MAKAR SANKRANTI
8. RATH YATRA
9. ONAM
10. PONGAL
11. SRI PANCHAMI / BASANT PANCHAMI
12. VISHU/ VAISAKHI / VAISAKHADI / BHAG BIHU / MASHADI UGADI / CHAITRA SUKLADI / CHETI CHAND / GUDI PADAVA/ 1ST NAVRATRA / NAURAJ / CHHATH POOJA/KARVA CHAOUTH.

3.2 No substitute holiday should be allowed if any of the festival holidays initially declared 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 (indicated in para 3.1), 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, Muharram and Id-e-Milad, if necessary, depending upon sighting of the Moon, would be declared by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions after ascertaining the position from the Govt. of NCT of Delhi (DCP, Special Branch, Delhi Police).

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, Muharram and Id-e-Milad.

5.3 It may happen that the change of date of the above occasions has to be declared at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement could be made through P.I.B/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. In 2019, Diwali (Deepavali) falls on Sunday, October 27, 2019 (Kartika 05). In certain States, the practice is to celebrate the occasion a day in advance, i.e., on "Naraka Chaturdasi Day". In view of this, there is no objection if holiday on account of Deepavali is observed on "Naraka Chaturdasi 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.

7. Central Government Organisations which include industrial, commercial and trading establishments would observe upto 16 holidays in a year including three national holidays viz. Republic Day, Independence Day and Mahatma Gandhi's birthday, as compulsory holidays. The remaining holidays / occasions may be determined by such establishments / organisations themselves for the year 2019, subject to para 3.2 above.

8. Union Territory Administrations shall decide the list of holidays in terms of instructions issued in this regard by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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 12 (Twelve) holidays of their own only after including in the list three National Holidays and Budha Purnima, Janamashtami (Vaishnava), Diwali, Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad in the list of compulsory holidays falling on day of weekly off.

10. In respect of Banks, the holidays shall be regulated in terms of the extant instructions issued by the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.

11. Hindi version will follow.


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Encl.: Lists of holidays

To

1. All Ministries/ Departments of Government of India.
2. UPSC/CVC/C&AG/PMO/Lok Sabha Secretariat/Rajya Sabha Secretariat/President's Secretariat/Vice-President's Secretariat/Supreme Court/ High Court/ Central Administrative Tribunal/ Election Commission of India/Minorities Commission/National Human Rights Commission/Central Information Commission/National Commission for Women.
3. All attached and subordinate offices of Ministry of Personnel, P.G. &Pensions.
4. Secretary, Staff Side, National Council (JCM), 13-C, Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi.
5. All Staff Side Members of the National Council (JCM).
6. All Staff Side Members of the Departmental Council (JCM), Ministry of Personnel, P.G. and Pensions.
7. Chairman / Secretaries, Central Government Employees Welfare Coordination Committees (As per updated list from Welfare Section).
8. Commissioner for Scheduled Castes /Commissioner for Scheduled Tribes.
9. PS to Cabinet Secretary.
10. Deputy Secretary (Coordination), Delhi Govt. Secretariat, I.G. Stadium, I.T.O., New Delhi.
11. The Manager (Store), Government of India, Forms Store, 166, Lenin Sarai, Kolkata (with 10 spare copies).
12. Chief Secretaries to all the State Governments / Union Territories.
13. Directorate of Advertising and Visual Publicity, PTI Building, New Delhi (with 5 spare copies)
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**LIST OF HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR 2019 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
OFFICES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT DELHI / NEW DELHI**

| S.No. | Holiday | Date | Saka Date | Day |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| <u>1940 SAKA ERA</u> | | | | |
| 1. | Republic Day | January 26 | Magha 06 | Saturday |
| 2. | Maha Shivaratri | March 04 | Phalguna 13 | Monday |
| 3. | Holi | March 21 | Phalguna 30 | Thursday |
| <u>1941 SAKA ERA</u> | | | | |
| 4. | Mahavir Jayanti | April 17 | Chaitra 27 | Wednesday |
| 5. | Good Friday | April 19 | Chaitra 29 | Friday |
| 6. | Buddha Purnima | May 18 | Vaisakha 28 | Saturday |
| 7. | Id-ul-Fitr | June 05 | Jyaishtha 15 | Wednesday |
| 8. | Id-Uz-Zuha (Bakrid) | August 12 | Sravana 21 | Monday |
| 9. | Independence Day | August 15 | Sravana 24 | Thursday |
| 10. | Janmashtami | August 24 | Bhadra 02 | Saturday |
| 11. | Muharram | September 10 | Bhadra 19 | Tuesday |
| 12. | Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday | October 02 | Asvina 10 | Wednesday |
| 13. | Dussehra | October 08 | Asvina 16 | Tuesday |
| 14. | Diwali (Deepavali) | October 27 | Kartika 05 | Sunday |
| 15. | Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e- Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) | November 10 | Kartika 19 | Sunday |
| 16. | Guru Nanak's Birthday | November 12 | Kartika 21 | Tuesday |
| 17. | Christmas Day | December 25 | Pausha 04 | Wednesday |

LIST OF RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR 2019 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT DELHI / NEW DELHI

| S.No | Holiday | Date | Saka Date | Day |
|----------------------|---|--------------|--------------|-----------|
| SAKA ERA 1940 | | | | |
| 1. | New Year's Day | January 01 | Pausha 11 | Tuesday |
| 2. | Lohri | January 13 | Pausha 23 | Sunday |
| 3. | Makar Sankranti | January 14 | Pausha 24 | Monday |
| 4. | Pongal | January 15 | Pausha 25 | Tuesday |
| 5. | Basant Panchami / Sri Panchami | February 10 | Magha 21 | Sunday |
| 6. | Guru Ravidas's Birthday | February 19 | Magha 30 | Tuesday |
| 7. | Shivaji Jayanti | February 19 | Magha 30 | Tuesday |
| 8. | Swami Dayananda Saraswati Jayanti | March 01 | Phalguna 10 | Thursday |
| 9. | Holika Dahan | March 20 | Phalguna 29 | Wednesday |
| 10. | Dolyatra | March 21 | Phalguna 30 | Thursday |
| 11. | Hazarat Ali's Birthday | March 21 | Phalguna 30 | Thursday |
| SAKA ERA 1941 | | | | |
| 12. | Chaitra Sukladi/Gudi Padava/Ugadi/Cheti Chand | April 06 | Chaitra 16 | Saturday |
| 13. | Ram Navami (Smarta) | April 13 | Chaitra 23 | Saturday |
| 14. | Vaiskhi/Vishu/Mesadi | April 14 | Chaitra 24 | Sunday |
| 15. | Vaisakhadi(Bengal)/ Bahag Bihu (Assam) | April 15 | Chaitra 25 | Monday |
| 16. | Easter Sunday | April 21 | Vaisakha 01 | Sunday |
| 17. | Guru Rabindranath's birthday | May 09 | Vaisakha 19 | Thursday |
| 18. | Jamat-Ul-Vida | May 31 | Jyaishtha 10 | Friday |
| 19. | Rath Yatra | July 04 | Ashadha 13 | Thursday |
| 20. | Raksha Bandhan | August 15 | Sravana 24 | Thursday |
| 21. | Parsi New Year's day/Nauraj | August 17 | Sravana 26 | Saturday |
| 22. | Vinayaka Chaturthi/ Ganesh Chaturthi | September 02 | Bhadra 11 | Monday |
| 23. | Onam or Thiru Onam Day | September 11 | Bhadra 20 | Wednesday |

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| 24. | Dussehra (Maha Saptami) (Additional) | October | 05 | Asvina | 13 | Saturday |
| 25. | Dussehra (Maha Ashtami) (Additional) | October | 06 | Asvina | 14 | Sunday |
| 26. | Dussehra (Maha Navmi) | October | 07 | Asvina | 15 | Monday |
| 27. | Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday | October | 13 | Asvina | 21 | Sunday |
| 28. | Karaka Chaturthi (Karva Chouth) | October | 17 | Asvina | 25 | Thursday |
| 29. | Naraka Chaturdasi | October | 27 | Kartika | 05 | Sunday |
| 30. | Govardhan Puja | October | 28 | Kartika | 06 | Monday |
| 31. | Bhai Duj | October | 29 | Kartika | 07 | Tuesday |
| 32. | Pratihara Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja) | November | 02 | Kartika | 11 | Saturday |
| 33. | Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day | November | 24 | Agrahayana | 03 | Sunday |
| 34. | Christmas Eve | December | 24 | Pausha | 03 | Tuesday |