

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
(Audit Branch)
Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700 001

No.5482-F(P)

9th July, 2013.

MEMORANDUM

In view of the elections to the Gram Panchayats, Panchayat Samitis and Zilla Parishads to be constituted under the West Bengal Panchayat Act, 1973 and to be held on 11th, 15th, 19th, 22nd and 25th of July, 2013 in different districts in the State (except Darjeeling), the Governor is hereby pleased to declare the said days as public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 for the districts mentioned in the following schedule:

Sl. No.	Date of Poll	Name of Districts	Holiday under N.I.Act
1	11.7.2013	Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur	11.7.2013
2	15.7.2013	Purba Medinipur, Hooghly and Burdwan	15.7.2013
3	19.7.2013	Howrah, North 24-Parganas and South 24-Parganas	19.7.2013
4	22.7.2013	Nadia, Murshidabad, Malda and Birbhum	22.7.2013
5	25.7.2013	Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur	25.7.2013

All Government Offices, Organizations under it, Undertakings, Corporations, Boards, Statutory and Local Bodies, Educational Institutions, etc. situated within the districts excepting those within the municipalities shall remain closed on the respective dates so that every employee is able to exercise his/her right of franchise in the election.

2. The Labour Department will issue suitable instructions to Shops, Commercial and Industrial Establishments including Tea Gardens to declare the said dates for the concerned districts as paid holiday for the workers to exercise their franchise in the election.

3. In case the date of poll is a working day in any Central Government or any other establishments within the concerned districts, the employees who are voters to the election shall be permitted to cast their votes by way of special leave.

4. In case of an employee working outside the concerned districts and when the date of poll has not been declared as holiday there as in Para 1 above, he/she shall be allowed special leave for the day.

5. In case of re-poll, the employees/workers shall be allowed to cast their votes on the date of re-poll in the manner as in Para 3 and 4 above.

6. The days before the date of polls being the date of dispatch are hereby declared as local holidays for the Educational Institutions situated within the respective districts excepting those within the municipalities as detailed below:

Sl. No.	Date of Poll	Name of Districts	Local holiday for educational/other institutions
1	11.7.2013	Purulia, Bankura and Paschim Medinipur	10.7.2013
2	19.7.2013	Howrah, North 24-Parganas and South 24-Parganas	18.7.2013
3	25.7.2013	Coochbehar, Jalpaiguri, Uttar Dinajpur and Dakshin Dinajpur	24.7.2013

In case any educational institution or any other establishment within any municipality has been selected as dispatch centre, local holiday may be declared for the said institution by the Competent Authority on the day of dispatch.

7. The poll process may continue up to late hours in the nights of 11th July, 2013, 15th July, 2013, 19th July, 2013, 22nd July, 2013 and 25th July, 2013, as the case may be, and the polling parties may obtain their release from their reception centres in the small hours of the morning (or even afterwards) of 12th July, 2013, 16th July, 2013, 20th July, 2013, 23rd July, 2013 and 26th July, 2013 rendering it difficult for them to attend office in time. In consideration of this situation, special leave may be allowed for the 12th July, 2013, 16th July, 2013, 20th July, 2013, 23rd July, 2013 and 26th July, 2013 as the case may be to the officers and employees who were deployed for polling duties.

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2. Divisional Commissioner, Division.
3. District Magistrate, District.
4. District Judge, District.
5. Secretary, State Election Commission, West Bengal.
6. Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal.
7. Sub-Divisional Officer, Sub-Division under the District.
8. All Pay & Accounts Officers (I, II & III).
9. All Treasury Officers.
10. Guard file.

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