

**Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
Audit Branch**

No. 9491-F

Kolkata, the 30th November, 2007.

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 2008 :-

** Muharram	:	19 th January, Saturday
Netaji's Birthday	:	23 rd January, Wednesday
** Republic Day	:	26 th January, Saturday
Shree Panchami	:	11 th February, Monday
Doljatra & Good Friday	:	21 st March, Friday
Bengali New year's Day	:	14 th April, Monday
May Day	:	1 st May, Thursday
Independence Day	:	15 th August, Friday
Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday & Id-Ul-Fitre	:	2 nd October, Thursday
Durga Puja :		
Saptami	:	6 th October, Monday
Astami	:	7 th October, Tuesday
Nabami	:	8 th October, Wednesday
Dashami	:	9 th October, Thursday
Laxmi Puja	:	14 th October, Tuesday
Kali Puja	:	28 th November, Tuesday
GuruNanak's Birthday & Paraswanath's Rathajatra	:	13 th November, Thursday
Id-Uz-zoha	:	9 th December, Tuesday
Christmas Day	:	25 th December, Thursday

NOTES :

- (1) Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
- (2) In the year 2008, the festival Mahalaya (28th October falls on Sunday which are public Holidays under N.I.Act. As such the day has not been included in this list.
- (3) The holiday with double asterick mark i.e.(**) is applicable to those Government offices only where Saturday is not observed as full holiday.
- (4) General instructions laid down below Notification No. 8094-F dated 30th November, 2007 enclosed herewith are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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1. Yearly closing of Bank's Account : 1st April, Tuesday
2. Half-yearly closing of Bank's Account : 30th September, Tuesday

NOTE : All the State Government Offices including Treasuries & Sub-Treasuries shall remain open on the 1st April, 2007 & 30th September, 2008, which have been declared as Public Holidays under N.I. Act, under this Notification.

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The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year 2007, 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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| Birth Day of Rabindra Nath Tagore | : | 8 th May, Thursday |
| Ekadasi of Durga Puja | : | 10 th October, Friday |
| Bhatridwitya | : | 30 th October, Thursday |

NOTE:

In the year, 2008 the festivals Fateh-Duaz-Daham (21st March), Birthday of poet Bhanu Bhakat (13th July) & Jnmastami (24th August) have not been included in this list as the festival 'Fateh-Duaz-Daham' coincides with the festivals 'Doljatra' & 'Good Friday' and the festivals 'Janamastami' (24th August) & Birthday of poet Bhanu Bhakat (13th July) fall on Sundays which are public Holidays under N.I. Act.

The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed Sectional Holidays in the year 2008 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each :

Mahabir Jayanti	:	18 th April, Friday (for Jains only)
** Easter Saturday	:	22 nd March, Saturday (for Christians Only)
Buddha Purnima	:	19 th May, Monday (for Buddhists only)

NOTE :

In the year, 2008, the Sikh festival 'Bengali New Year's Day' and the Muslim festival 'Sab-e-Barat (17th August) falls on Sunday which are Public holidays under N.I. Act. As such, these festivals have not been included in this list. The holiday with double asterisk mark (**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturday is not observed as full holiday.

**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-UL-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 so happen that the change of the date of the above occasions has to be notified at a very short notice.

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

By order of the Governor,

Sd/- B. Lahiri
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department

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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1.Deptt. / Dte.
2. The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata –1.
3. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & A/cs Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kol.-12.
4. The pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & A/cs Office-II, P-1, Hide Lane, Jahar Building, Kolkata –700 073.
5. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Sectt. Writers’ Buildings, Kolkata- 700 001.
6. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Sectt., Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091
7. The Sub-Divisional Officer,.....
8. The Dist. Magistrate/Judge,.....
9. The Treasury Officer,.....
10. The Commissioner,
11. The Supdt. of Police,
12. The Principal, Industrial Training Institute,.....
13. The Supdtg. Engineer/Ex. Engineer,
14. The.....

It is requested that this Notification may be circulated to all offices under their control.

Sd/- B. Iahiri
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department