

**IMMEDIATE**

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**Subject: Holidays to be observed in Government Offices during the year 2007.**

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 2007. 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
7. DIWALI
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.

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 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 Personnel, P.G. & 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. / Newspaper 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 2007, Diwali (Deepavali) falls on Friday, November 9, 2007 (Kartika 18) 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.

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 Birthday, as compulsory holidays. The remaining holidays / occasions may be determined by such establishments / organisations themselves for the year 2007, 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) Republic Day, Independence Day & 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 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2002. In other words, they will have the option to select holidays of their own only after including in the list, three National holidays and Mahavir Jayanthi, Milad-un-Nabi, Id-ul-fitr, Dussehra and Guru Nanak Deb's Birthday, 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)

Encl. Lists of holidays

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**LIST OF GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HOLIDAYS DURING THE YEAR 2007  
FOR DELHI / NEW DELHI OFFICES**

	<b>Gazetted Holiday</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>1928 SAKA ERA</b>	<b>Day of week</b>
*1.	Idu'l Zuha (Bakrid)	January 01	Pausa 11	Monday
2.	Republic Day	January 26	Magha 06	Friday
3.	Muharram	January 30	Magha 10	Tuesday
4.	Maha Shivaratri	February 16	Magha 27	Friday
			<b>1929 SAKA ERA</b>	
5.	Ram Navami	March 27	Chaitra 06	Tuesday
6.	Mahavir Jayanti	March 31	Chaitra 10	Saturday
7.	Milad-Un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Mohammed)	April 01	Chaitra 11	Sunday
8.	Good Friday	April 06	Chaitra 16	Friday
9.	Buddha Purnima	May 02	Vaisakha 12	Wednesday
10.	Independence Day	August 15	Sravana 24	Wednesday
11.	Janmashtami	September 04	Bhadra 13	Tuesday
12.	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	October 02	Asvina 10	Tuesday
13.	Idu'l Fitr	October 14	Asvina 22	Sunday
14.	Dussehra	October 21	Asvina 29	Sunday
15.	Diwali (Deepavali)	November 09	Kartika 18	Friday
16.	Guru Nanak's Birthday	November 24	Agrahayana 03	Saturday
*	Idu'l Zuha (Bakrid)	December 21	Agrahayana 30	Friday
17.	Christmas Day	December 25	Pausa 04	Tuesday

\*Idu'l Zuha (Bakrid) falls twice in the year 2007. There will be no *idu'l Zuha* holiday during 2008.

**LIST OF RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS FOR 2007****(FOR DELHI / NEW DELHI OFFICES )**

<b>S.No (1)</b>	<b>Holiday (2)</b>	<b>Date (3)</b>	<b><u>SAKA ERA</u> <u>1928</u></b>	<b>Day (5)</b>
1	New Year Day	January 01	Pausa 11	Monday
2.	Guru Govind Singh's Birthday	January 05	Pausa 15	Friday
3.	Makara Samkranti	January 14	Pausa 24	Sunday
4.	Pongal	January 15	Pausa 25	Monday
5.	Basanta Panchami /Shree Panchami	January 23	Magha 03	Tuesday
6	Guru Ravidas' Birthday	February 02	Magha 13	Friday
7	Maharishi Dayanand Sarasvati Jayanti	February 12	Magha 23	Monday
8.	Holikadahana (Dolyatra)	March 03	Phalguna 12	Saturday
9.	Holi	March 04	Phalguna 13	Sunday
10.	Chaitra Sukhladi / Gudi Padava / Ugadi / Cheti Chand	March 19	Phalguna 28	Monday
			<b><u>SAKA ERA</u> <u>1929</u></b>	
11.	Easter	April 08	Chaitra 18	Sunday
12	Vaisakhi	April 14	Chaitra 24	Saturday
13	Mesadi	April 14	Chaitra 24	Saturday
14	Vishu	April 14	Chaitra 24	Saturday
15	Vaisakhadi(Bengal)/ Bahag Bihu (Assam)	April 15	Chaitra 25	Sunday
16	Rath Yatra	July 16	Asadha 25	Monday
17	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	July 28	Sravana 06	Saturday

18	Parsi New Year	August 20	Sravana 29	Monday
19.	Onam	August 27	Bhadra 05	Monday
20.	Raksha Bandhan	August 28	Bhadra 06	Tuesday
21	Janmashtami (Smarta)	September 03	Bhadra 12	Monday
22.	Ganesh Chaturthi / Vinayaka Chaturthi	September 15	Bhadra 24	Saturday
23.	Jamat-UI-Vida	October 12	Asvina 20	Friday
24.	Dussehra(Maha Saptami) (Additional)	October 18	Asvina 26	Thursday
25.	Dussehra (Maha Ashtami) (Additional)	October 19	Asvina 27	Friday
26.	Dussehra (Maha Navami) (Additional)	October 20	Asvina 28	Saturday
27.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	October 26	Kartika 04	Friday
28.	Deepavali (South India)	November 08	Kartika 17	Thursday
29.	Naraka Chaturdasi	November 08	Kartika 17	Thursday
30	Govardhan Puja	November 10	Kartika 19	Saturday
31.	Bhai Duj	November 11	Kartika 20	Sunday
32.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdrom Day	November 24	Agrahayana 03	Saturday
33.	Christmas Eve	December 24	Pausa 03	Monday

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