Government of West Bengal  
Finance Department  
Audit Branch  

No. 7745-F  
Kolkata, the 15th October, 2008.  

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 2009:-  

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<td>Muharram</td>
<td>8th January</td>
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<td>Netaji’s Birthday</td>
<td>23rd January</td>
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<td>Republic Day</td>
<td>26th January</td>
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<td>** Shree Panchami</td>
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<td>Doljatra &amp; Good Friday</td>
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NOTES:

(1) Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

(2) In the year 2009, Nabami of Durga Puja (27th September) falls on Sunday which is 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. 7748-F dated 15.10.08 enclosed herewith are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.
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 2009 :-

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

**NOTE**: All the State Government Offices including Treasuries & Sub-Treasuries shall remain open on the 1st April & 30th September, 2009, which have been declared as Public Holidays under N.I. Act, under this Notification.

The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year 2009, 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 :-

Fatah-Duaz-Daham : 10th March, Tuesday

** Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore ** : 9th May, Saturday

Birthday of poet Bhanu Bhakt : 13th July, Monday
(For Darjeeling District only)

Janmastami : 13th August, Thursday

Ekadasi of Durga Puja : 29th September, Tuesday

Bhatridwitya : 19th October, Monday

**NOTE:**

The holiday with double asterix mark (**) is applicable to those Govt. Offices only where Saturday is not observed as full holiday.
Kolkata, the 15th October, 2008.

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**: 7th April, Tuesday (for Jains only)
- **Easter Saturday**: 11th April, Saturday (for Christians only)
- **Baisakhi**: 14th April, Tuesday (for Sikhs only)
- **Sab-e-Barat**: 7th August, Friday (for Muslims only)

**NOTE**: The holiday with double asterisk mark (**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturday is not observed as a full holiday. Since ‘Buddha Purnima’ (for Buddhists only) coincides with ‘Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore’, a holiday under ‘Executive Order’ the said festival has not been included here.

**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 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
No. 7745/1(500)-F Kolkata, the 15th October, 2008.

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 Sect., 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. Lahiri
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal
Finance Department