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**CIRCULAR**

Subject: **PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2021.**

The Public and Optional holidays regarding festivals of Muslims and Minorities for the Calendar Year 2021 would be as under:

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2021
1	Kashmir Day	Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> February, 2021
2	Pakistan Day	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 2021
3	Labour Day	Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> May, 2021
4*	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 <sup>st</sup> Shawal 1442A.H)	Friday, Saturday, Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
5*	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 <sup>th</sup> Zil Haj 1442 A.H)	Wednesday, Thursday and Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> July, 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2021
6	Independence Day	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021
7*	Ashura (9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Moharram 1443 A.H)	Wednesday and Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2021
8*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 <sup>th</sup> Rabi-ul- Awwal 1443A.H)	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> October, 2021
9	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021
10	Day after Christmas	Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (For Christians only)

2. The following will be Bank Holidays. However, on these days the Banks / DFIs / MFBS will remain closed for public but **NOT** for their employees:

Sr. No.	Day/ Date
1	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021 (Friday)
2	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021 (Wednesday) corresponding to 1 <sup>st</sup> Ramazan 1442AH, (subject to appearance of moon).
3	1 <sup>st</sup> July, 2021 (Thursday)

**NOTE:**

\* In case of Muslim Festivals, the dates of Holidays are based on anticipated dates and are subject to appearance of moon for which a separate notification will be issued by M/o Interior.

**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2020
1	New Year Day	Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2021
2	Basant Purnami	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb, 2021
3	Shivaratri	Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
4*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1442 A.H)	Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
5	Holi	Sunday or Monday	28 <sup>th</sup> Or 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
6	Dulhandi	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
7*	Shab-e-Barat (15 <sup>th</sup> Shaban 1442 A.H)	Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021
8	Good Friday	Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2021
9	Easter/ Day After Easter Sunday	Sunday/Monday	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
10	Baisakhi	Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> April, 2021
11	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April, 2021
12	Buddha Purnima	Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021
13	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2021
14	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2021
15	Janam Ashtami	Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> August 2021
16 *	Chehlum (20 <sup>th</sup> Safar 1443 AH)	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
17	Durga Puja	Monday	13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
18	Dussehra	Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup> September, 2021
19*	Giyarvee Shareef (11 <sup>th</sup> Rabi-Us-Sani 1443 AH)	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
20	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
21	Diwali	Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> November 2021
22	Guru Nanak Dev Jee Birthday	Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2021

3. Government servants desiring to avail themselves of Optional Holidays shall take prior permission of the Head of Office concerned and no Government Servant shall be granted more than **one optional holiday in the case of Muslims** and **three optional holidays for Non-Muslims**, in a calendar year.
4. The grant of this concession should not result in any dislocation of work. In the case of Muslim optional holidays, the number of persons permitted to avail optional holidays should be regulated in a manner so that adequate staff is available for proper continuance of the work.
5. The optional holidays are denominational and may be allowed at the discretion of the Head of Office, provided that work does not suffer.
6. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which she/ he is entitled.



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