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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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Subject: PUBLIC AND OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR, 2020.

The Public and Optional holidays regarding festivals of Muslims and Minorities for the Calendar Year 2020 would be as under:

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2020
1	Kashmir Day	Wednesday	5 th February, 2020
2	Pakistan Day	Monday	23 rd March, 2020
3	Labour Day	Friday	1 st May, 2020
4*	Eid-ul-Fitr, (1 st Shawal 1441A.H)	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday	25 th , 26 th and 27 th May 2020
5*	Eid-ul-Azha, (10 th Zil Haj 1441 A.H)	Friday, Saturday and Sunday	31 st July, 1 st and 2 nd August 2020
6	Independence Day	Friday	14 th August, 2020
7*	Ashura (9 th & 10 th Moharram 1442 A.H)	Saturday & Sunday	29 th & 30 th August 2020
8*	Eid Milad-un-Nabi (12 th Rabi-ul-Awwal 1442A.H)	Friday	30 th October, 2020
9	Quaid-e-Azam Day/ Christmas	Friday	25 th December, 2020
10	Day after Christmas	Saturday	26 th December, 2020 (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 st January, 2020 (Wednesday)
2	24 th April, 2020 (Friday) corresponding to 1 st Ramazan 1441AH (subject to appearance of moon).
3	1 st July, 2020 (Wednesday)

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

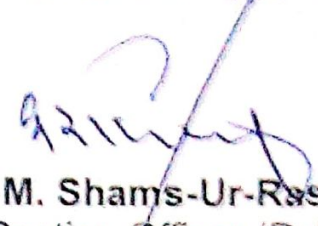
Sr.	Name of Occasion	Days	Dates during year 2020
1	New Year Day	Wednesday	1 st January, 2020
3	Basant Purnami	Wednesday	29 th January, 2020
4	Shivaratri	Friday	21 st Feb, 2020
5	Holi	Monday	9 th March 2020
6	Dulhandi	Tuesday	10 th March, 2020
7*	Shab-e-Meraj (27 Rajab 1441 A.H)	Monday	23 rd March, 2020
8*	Shab-e-Barat (15 th Shaban 1441 A.H)	Thursday	9 th April, 2020
9	Good Friday	Friday	10 th April, 2020
10	Easter / Day After Easter	Sunday & Monday	12 th and 13 th April, 2020
11	Baisakhi	Monday	13 th April, 2020
12	Eid-e-Rizwan (Bahai's Community only)	Monday	20 th April, 2020
13	Buddha Purnima	Thursday	7 th May 2020
14	Janam Ashtami	Tuesday	11 th August 2020
15	Nauroze (Parsi's New Year Day)	Sunday	16 th August, 2020
16	Birthday of Lord Zoroaster (Khordad Sal)	Friday	21 st August, 2020
17 *	Chehlum (20 th Safar 1442 AH)	Thursday	8 th October, 2020
18	Durga Pooja	Friday	23 rd October, 2020
19	Dussehra	Sunday	25 th October 2020
20	Birthday of Guru Valmik Sawami Ji	Saturday	31 st October 2020
21	Diwali	Saturday	14 th November 2020
22	Guru Nanak's Birthday	Monday	30 th November, 2020
23*	Giyarvee Shareef (11 th Rabi-Us-Sani 1442 AH)	Saturday	28 th November 2020

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 as to 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 is not suffered.

6. A Government Servant should not ordinarily be refused an Optional Holiday that is of religious significance to him and the refusal is likely to decrease the number of such holidays to which she/ he is entitled.


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