

**Government of West Bengal
Higher Education Department
C.S. Branch
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091**

NO.326- Edn(CS)/10M-33/2016

Dated, Kolkata, the 30th March , 2016

From : Shri Abanindanath Sardar,
Jt. Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To : The Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal.

Sub: Declaration of the poll day as public holiday under the NI Act, 1881 for ongoing General Elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Sir,

Please find enclosed Notification no. 1682-F (P2) dated 22.03.2016 declaring the dates of poll as public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 for ongoing General Elections to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

I am directed to request you to advise all the higher educational institutions to follow the schedule of the aforesaid Notification for giving holiday/s under NI Act, 1881 and declaring the day before the date of poll as local holiday for the educational institutions situated within the respective Assembly Constituencies.

If necessary, special leave may be allowed to the teaching and non-teaching staff of the higher educational institutions for the circumstances as explained in para-3 & 6 of the said Notification.

Encl: As stated

Yours faithfully

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Joint Secretary

to the Government of West Bengal

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Dated, Kolkata, the 30th March , 2016

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2. Registrar ,.....(All State aided Universities)
3. Special Secretary of this department
4. Joint Secretary(University Branch) of this department
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6. Director of Technical Education, Bikash Bhawan, 10th Floor, Salt Lake, Kol-91
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Government of West Bengal
Home Department
Election Branch
21 Netaji Subhas Road, Kolkata 700001

Memo No: 1579(21)-Home(Elec)
R3E-33/2016

Date: 24th March 2016

From: Joint Chief Electoral Officer and ex-officio Joint Secretary
Government of West Bengal

To : All District Election Officers

Subject: General Elections to West Bengal Legislative Assembly 2016 - declaration of poll day as holiday under N.I.Act, 1881 - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of Order No 1682-F(P₂) dt 22.03.2016 regarding declaration of Poll day as holiday under N I Act 1881 in connection with General elections to West Bengal Legislative Assembly to be held on 04.04.2016(Monday), 11.04.2016(Monday), 17.04.2016(Sunday), 21.04.2016 (Thursday), 25.04.2016(Monday), 30.04.2016 (Saturday) and 05.05.2016 (Thursday), issued by Finance (Audit) Department, Govt of West Bengal on the subject cited above and to request you to circulate to the respective authorities under your control immediately. The copy of this memo is available in CEO's website (www.ceowestbengal.nic.in).

Yours faithfully



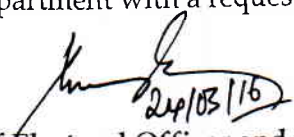
Joint Chief Electoral Officer and ex-officio
Joint Secretary to the Govt of West Bengal

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Date: 24th March 2016

Copy forwarded for information to:

- i) Secretary/ Principal Secretary
..... Higher Education Department
- ii) Director General of Police, West Bengal
- iii) Additional Director General of Police, West Bengal
- iv) Director of Information and Cultural Affairs Department with a request for wide publicity in this regard.



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**Government of West Bengal
Finance (Audit) Department
Nabanna, Howrah.**

No.1682 -F(P₂)

Date : 22.3.2016

In view of the General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly -2016 to be held on 4th, 11th, 17th, 21st, 25th, 30th April 2016, and 5th May, 2016 in different Assembly Constituencies, the Governor is hereby pleased to declare the days as public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 for ongoing General Election to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly as follows:

Phase	Date of poll	Districts involved	Assembly Constituency numbers	Holiday under NI Act
PHASE - 1 (a) (18 Assembly Constituencies)	04-04-2016 (MONDAY)	Part of Paschim Medinipur, Purulia, part of Bankura	220 to 222, 234, 236 to 246, 249 to 251	04-04-2016 (MONDAY)
PHASE - 1 (b) (31 Assembly Constituencies)	11-04-2016 (MONDAY)	Part of Paschim Medinipur, Part of Bankura, Part of Burdwan,	219, 223 to 233, 235, 247 to 248, 252 to 258, 275 to 283.	11-04-2016 (MONDAY)
PHASE - 2 (56 Assembly Constituencies)	17-04-2016 (SUNDAY)	Darjeeling, Jalpaiguri, Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Alipurduar, Birbhum,	10 to 54, 284 to 294	17-04-2016 (SUNDAY) (the same is already a holiday as per the Act. ibid.)
PHASE 3 (62 Assembly Constituencies)	21-04-2016 (THURSDAY)	Part of Burdwan, Murshidabad, Nadia, Part of Kolkata,	55 to 93, 162 to 168, 259 to 274.	21-04-2016 (THURSDAY)
PHASE - 4 (49 Assembly Constituencies)	25-04-2016 (MONDAY)	North 24 Parganas, Howrah	94 to 126, 169 to 184	25-04-2016 (MONDAY)
Phase -5 (53 Assembly Constituencies)	30-04-2016 (SATURDAY)	South 24 Parganas, Part of Kolkata, Hooghly,	127 to 161, 185 to 202	30-04-2016 (SATURDAY)
Phase-6 (25 Assembly Constituencies)	05-05-2016 (THURSDAY)	Coochbihar, Furba Medinipur	1 to 9, 203 to 218	05-05-2016 (THURSDAY)

All Government offices, Organisations under it, Undertakings, Corporations, Boards, Statutory and Local Bodies, Educational Institutions, etc. situated within the Assembly Constituency will remain closed on the respective dates, so that every employee is able to exercise his/her right of franchise in the election.

2. The Labour Department will issue suitable instructions to shops, commercial and industrial establishments including Tea Gardens to declare the said dates for the concerned Assembly Constituency as paid holiday for the workers to exercise their franchise in the election.

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3. In case of an employee working outside the concerned Assembly Constituency and when the date of poll has not been declared as holiday there as in Para 1 above, he/she shall be permitted to cast his/her vote by way of special leave.
4. In case of re-poll, the employees/workers shall be allowed to cast their votes on the date of re-poll in the manner as in para-3 above.
5. The days before the date of polls being the date of dispatch are hereby declared as local holiday for the Educational Institutions situated within the respective Assembly Constituency excepting 3.4.2016, 10.4.2016 and 24.4.2016 which are already holidays under NI Act.
6. If the poll process continues up to late hours in the nights of poll days as stated in para 1 above, the polling parties may obtain their release from their reception centres in the small hours of the morning (or even afterwards) of 5th April 2016, 12th April 2016, 18th April 2016, 22nd April 2016, 26th April and 6th May 2016 rendering it difficult for them to attend office in time. In consideration of this situation, special leave may be allowed for 5th April 2016, 12th April 2016, 18th April 2016, 22nd April 2016, 26th April 2016 and 6th May 2016 as the case may be to the officers and employees who will be deployed for polling duties.

Sd/- A. K. Das
O.S.D & E.O. Joint Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal