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Date: 24.11.2023

To All Members (Please Circulate)

We reproduce hereunder the Circular No. 50/2023 dated 24.11.2023 issued by the Secretary, AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit), the contents of which are self-explicit.

With revolutionary greetings,

Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay
(General Secretary)

Dear Comrades,

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2024 UNDER N.I.ACT IN WEST BENGAL

You are aware that the Government of West Bengal has recently notified public holidays for the year 2024, wherein some of the holidays have not been notified under N.I.Act. We have appealed to Smt. Mamata Banerjee, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal, for the inclusion of at least three(3) more festivals/occasions for holidays under N.I. Act, namely **New Year's Day (01st January)**, **Chhat Puja (07th November)**, and **"Janmashtami"** to allow the entire population of the state, including bank employees, to celebrate those auspicious days appropriately.

Today, on behalf of the AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit), we met Dr. Manoj Pant, Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal, for pursuing the issue. We had a very cordial and positive discussion with him. During our discussion, Dr. Pant assured us to consider our appeal with a positive view. We have also been assured that any other issues related to bank employees will be taken care of by his good office sincerely. At the same time, he has requested us to do our best in implementing various projects/ schemes of the state through the Banking Sector. From our side, we assured him to render our best to comply with his request to move the state forward.

We, therefore, urge our affiliates/ members to render their best possible services, especially for implementing the Government Sponsored Schemes of the state, to honour our commitment to the Additional Chief Secretary, Government of West Bengal. We reproduce hereunder the copy of letter no. AIBOC/WBSU/30/2023 dt. 13.11.2023 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Minister of West Bengal by the undersigned, the contents are self-explanatory.

With warm wishes and festive greetings,

Sd/-
(Shubhajyoti Chattopadhyay)
Secretary
AIBOC (West Bengal State Unit)

Letter No. AIBOC/WBSU/30/2023

Date : 13.11.2023

Smt. Mamata Banerjee,
Honourable Chief Minister,
Government of West Bengal,
Nabanna, Howrah - 711102.

Respected Madam,

NOTIFICATION FOR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN 2024 UNDER N.I.ACT APPEAL FOR INCLUSION THREE MORE FESTIVALS/ OCCASIONS IN LIST-I

At the outset, we, on behalf of AIBOC, West Bengal State Unit, convey our sincere and hearty Vijaya and Diwali greetings to you and your entire team.

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02. The entire State is now in jubilant mood to enjoy the festive season. The traditional festivals in our state create ample opportunity to strengthen relationship and bonding amongst all sections of people to maintain harmony and peace in the society. The employees in financial sectors especially in Banking Sector have been able to enjoy the auspicious festivals in 2023 in a befitting manner only because of declaring Holidays under N.I. Act by your good office.

03. We like to mention that in the year 2023, as per Govt. Notification No. 4331-F(P2) dt. 21.10.2022, the following festivals/ occasions would have been included in the list under N.I. Act (List-I), if not falling on Sundays:

- i) New Year's Day
- ii) Birth Day of Guru Rabidas
- iii) Birth Day of Shri Shri Harichand Thakur (Madhu Krishna Troyodashi Tithi)
- iv) Durga Puja Maha Ashtami
- v) Kali Puja
- vi) Chhat Puja

04. Madam, we have observed in the recently published Govt. Notification No. 6112-F(P2) on 09.11.2023 that few of the above mentioned festivals have been included in List-I and other festivals/ occasions despite falling on weekdays might have been inadvertently excluded from List-I. We know that **New Year's Day (01st January)** and **Chhat Puja (07th November)** which have been excluded from List -I are celebrated by a large section of the employees in financial sectors along with their near and dear ones. Moreover, New Year's Day being an International Day and Chhat Puja being a sentimental auspicious day are celebrated by all sections of the society irrespective of any religion, caste and creed. Additionally, we also like to mention that "**Janmashtami**" is celebrated by the people all over the country including our State with huge enthusiasm and a deep sentiment is associated with it.

05. So, we fervently request you to kindly consider to include at least those three(3) festivals/ occasions in List-I of the Govt. Notification so as to enable the entire citizenry of the state including bank employees and their families who are indivisible part of the Society like other government employees to celebrate the festivals with profound happiness and enthusiasm.

06. Madam, we do believe that your kindness and sympathetic attitude particularly towards the bank employees, as were bestowed upon in number of occasions, would immensely boost the morale of the bankers in rendering banking services with zeal and zest. At the same time, we once again commit to extend our best assistance in taking forward the State under your guidance and leadership.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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