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G.O. No. 893

DATED 25.7.17

[Despatch Abstract.]

Holidays

Informing the Chamber of Commerce that the Govt see no necessity for the modification of the dates already fixed for certain festival during the year

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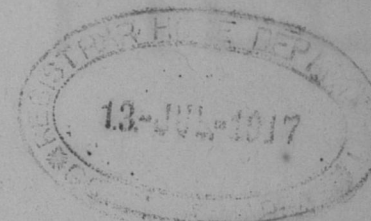
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Madras, 11th July 1917



The Chief Secretary,

to the Government of Madras,

O O T A C A M U N D.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that the Chamber has received a petition from the Hindu Employees of the various Mercantile Firms and Banks in this City drawing the attention of the Chamber to certain

discrepancies in the list of Holidays for the year 1917:-
6-12-16

Vinayaga Chaturthi Tuesday the 21st August : whereas this festival actually falls on the 20th September.

The Holiday for Mahalaya Amavasai is omitted from the list; it falls on the 15th October .

Avaniyavattam 2nd August :- whereas it actually falls on the 3rd August .

The Chamber begs to point out that the list of holidays submitted by it for the approval of the Government, as per copy enclosed, is correct ; the alterations in the fixture were made by the Government . The Chamber now trusts that the Government will see their way to alter the dates in accordance with the wishes of the Hindu petitioners.

I Have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant, *H. S. S. S.*

AG: Secretary .

at the instance of the Dy. Secy,
Madras Chamber

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Madras Commercial Holidays :-

Vaikunta Ekadasai Thursday the 4th January
Bara Wafat Saturday the 6th January
Pongal Friday & Saturday the 12th & 13th January
Mahasivarathiri Tuesday the 20th February
Telugu New Year's day Saturday the 24th March
Easter:- Saturday to Monday 7th to 9th April (inclusive)
Tamil New Year's day Friday the 13th April
King Emperor's Birthday One day to be notified hereafter
Ramzan Saturday the 21st July
Avani Avittam Friday the 3rd August
SreeJayanthi Saturday the 8th September
Vinayaka Chathurithi Thursday 20th September
Bakrid Friday the 28th September
Mahalaya Amavasai Monday the 15th October
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Muharrum (last day) Saturday the 27th October
Deepavalli Tuesday the 13th November
Vaikunta Ekadasai Monday the 24th December .
Xmas Wednesday and Thursday the 26th & 27th and Saturday and
Monday the 29th & 31st December .

The following holidays are already legalised by the
Negotiable Instruments Act:- New Year's Day, Good Friday and Xmas day

Home (mis) Dept

2482 Encl. No 2482-1719.7.17

Forwarded to the
Deputy Director, Madras
Observatory, for ^{Very} Early
report-

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19.7.17

To
Mr D G ^{Encl. enclosed}
Director, Madras
Observatory

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This should have been
dealt with at 103.
App. all only a reference
was necessary. Six
days have been wasted in
putting up a reference in
an unjust case. One of the
holidays the date of which
is quoted falls on the 2nd
Aug. CR 19.7.17

Note

The alterations complained
against were made by the Dy
Director, Madras Observatory,
when he was consulted. This Dept.
have agreed to the alterations.

Vide para 2 of the letter No 390
6.12.16

CR 17.7.17



Madras, 23rd July 1917

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The Secretary

to the Government of Madras,

O o t a c a m u n d .

S I R,

I have the honour to invite your attention to my letter of the 11th July 1917, with reference to certain discrepancies in the list of Holidays for the year 1917 and shall be glad to hear from you early in the matter, as AVANIYAVATTAM falls on the 3rd August, whereas a holiday for that festival is granted on the 2nd August.

I have the honour to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

N. L. L. L.

A G L Secretary

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MADRAS COMMERCIAL HOLIDAYS 1917.

[Abstract from the Fort St. George Gazette
dated the 12th December, 1916.]

Under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act (XXVI of 1881) His Excellency the Governor in Council has declared the following days to be Public Holidays in the year 1917:—

Vaikunta Ekadasi.—Thursday, the 4th January.

Pongul.—Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th January.

Mahasivarathri.—Tuesday, the 20th February.

Telugu New Year's Day.—Saturday, the 24th March.

Easter.—Saturday to Monday, 7th to 9th April (inclusive).

Tamil New Year's Day.—Friday, the 13th April.

King-Emperor's Birthday.—One day, to be notified hereafter.

Ramzan.—Saturday, the 21st July.

Avani Avittam.—Thursday, the 2nd August.

Vinayaka Chaturthi.—Tuesday, the 21st August

Sree Jayanthi.—Saturday, the 8th September.

Bakrid.—Thursday, the 27th September.

Ayudha Pujah.—Wednesday, the 24th October.

Muharram (last day).—Saturday, the 27th October.

Deepavali.—Tuesday, the 13th November.

Vaikunta Ekadasi.—Monday, the 24th December.

Bara Wafat.—Friday, the 28th December.

Christmas.—Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th and Saturday and Monday, the 29th and 31st December.

N.B.—The following Holidays are already legalised by the Negotiable Instruments Act:—New Year's Day, Good Friday and Christmas Day.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
Madras, 12th Dec., 1916.]

T. E. WELBY,

Ag. Secretary.

Omita Mahalaya Anavasai 15th Oct 1917

To
Deputy Director,
Madras Observatory.

349x Please Expedite ~~urgent~~
~~submit immediately~~
reply to endorsement
2482 dash one nineteenth
instant regarding
~~discrepancy (in the)~~ list
of holidays. ~~urgently~~.
Matter specially urgent.
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Telex (reversed)

To

Deputy Director

Madras

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TO

Madras Home City

Reply to endorsement 2482-1
despatched on Monday

= by Director =

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THE OBSERVATORY,



Madras, the 23rd. July 1917.

From

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR,

MADRAS OBSERVATORY,

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,

Home (Miscellaneous) Department,

Ootacamund.

SIR,

I have the honour to reply to your endorsement No. 2428-1 dated 19th. July 1917 on the letter of the Chamber of Commerce, Madras, regarding Commercial Holidays.

The dates as given in the list sent to Government with my letter No. 294/M dated 17th. November 1916 are correct. In this list Mahalaya Amavasai is shown and it falls on Sunday, the 16th. September. The dates in the list as published by Government have I understand been calculated from data given in the Nautical Almanac. Mr. Doraswamy Iyengar and Mr. T.S. Visvanatha Srouti, B.A., Sub-registrar, Saidapet, have been consulted and they state that the dates are correct. Those given by the Chamber of Commerce have apparently been deduced from less perfect data.

The enclosures are returned herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Jones
Dy. Director.

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TO Secy Govt of Madras
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Please wire reply my letters
11th and 23rd July regarding
holidays
= Madras Chamber
Commerce =

Home (mis) Deptt.

Holidays

- K142CF 2482) From the Chamber of Commerce 8.11.7.17
- K3CF Endt no 2482-1.8.19.7.17
- K4CF 2672) From the Chamber of Commerce 8.23.7.17
- K6CF Telegram no 349. 8.24.7.17
- K7CF 2676) Telegram from Dy. Dir., Madras Observatory 8.25.7.17
- K8CF From the Dy. Dir., Madras Observatory 180/M. 8.23.7.17
- K9CF Telegram from the Chamber of Commerce 8.25.7.17

Regr.

Madras Observatory,
The Deputy Director, Regs (K8CF)
that the dates ~~are~~ already published
are correct and that those given by
the Chamber are deduced from less
perfect data. A draft order informing
the Chamber that the Govt are not
prepared to ^{alter} ~~modify~~ the dates is
Subd. It also explains why ~~the~~
Mahalaya Amavasai was omitted
from the list.

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Pdr.
25.7.17

The differences between the
dates of the Chamber of
Commerce & the Deputy Dir.
of the observatory are with
reference to the following
three festivals: —

vide also para 2, K2
of notes to Gov 390. J
6.12.16

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Observations
Dates

- (1) Avani Avittam 12- Friday, 3rd Aug. Thursday, 2nd Aug.
(2) Virayaka Chaturthi Monday, 20th Sept. Tuesday, 21st Aug.
(3) Mahalaya Amavasya Monday, 15th Oct. Sunday, 16th Sept.

I have consulted five ~~books~~ different Tamil almanacs, available here. All of them confirm the dates given by the Dy Director of Observatory as regards (2) + (3) viz: Virayaka Chaturthi (21st August) + Mahalaya Amavasya (16th September). There is therefore no reason to change the dates already announced in regard to these two feast.

In respect however of Avani Avittam there seems to be a real difference of opinion as shown below:

According to	Date	Duration of the Thithi
(i) Srowti pauchangam	Thursday - 2 nd Aug. -	{ Chaturthasi - 20.31 on Thursday Purnami - 11.32 on Friday
(ii) Dmaswami Aiyappi -	— do —	{ Chaturthasi - 20.43 on Thursday Purnami - 11.43 on Friday
(iii) Suiyappam Temple -	Friday - 3 rd Aug. -	{ Chaturthasi - 18.28 on Thursday Purnami - 12.57 on Friday
(iv) Karungulam	— do —	{ Chaturthasi - 18.21 on Thursday Purnami - 12.46 on Friday
(v) Kanjanur	— do —	{ Chaturthasi - 18.29 on Thursday Purnami - 12.52 on Friday

M. S. S. S. S. S.
Pillai's Ephemeris

{ Chaturthasi - 15 on Thursday
Purnami - 10 on Friday

It will be seen from the above that three Almanacs give Friday the 3rd August as the date for the feast, while the first two give it as Thursday the 2nd. It is observed that the Dy. Director's opinion is based on the statements of the ~~author~~ authors of the last two Almanacs (Memo. Swarnani Auyingga & Virwana the Srothi).

In Chapter I of Mr. Swarnikam Pillai's Ephemeris, it is given that Yajur Upakarma falls on "Srawana Sukla Pournami" (Saugava Vyapini 6 gathas to 12th from sunrise in the forenoon). According to this rule, there should be Pournami in the forenoon of the Upakarma day. From the table overleaf it will be seen that there is no Pournami on the forenoon of the second Aug; but only on the 3rd; & the feast should accordingly be observed on the latter day.

It has also been ascertained that most of the Brahmin chiefs of the Secret. & local officers observe the feast only on the 3rd Aug.

It is for consideration whether this date alone may be altered.

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I am not competent to sit in judgment when 'pauzits' differ.

The only point for debate is about the Avani Avattam; adhere to published date.

Draft Helen pared gm
25 11/17

Home (mis) DEPARTMENT.

Informing the Chamber of Commerce that the Govt are not
ready for the modification of
~~intended to modify~~ the dates already fixed for certain
— during the year

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READ ALSO:—

C. No. 2489 From the C. or Commr., No. , dated 1917.

R3CF Endt no 2482-1.819.7.1)

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KSCF Deputy Br., media observatory 23.7.17

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ORDER.

No. 893, dated 25-7-1917.

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The Government are advised
that the dates already fixed
for the holidays in question
are correct and ~~are not~~
~~prepared to modify them.~~ ^{alter}

The Chairman, Chamber
of Commerce, ~~will be~~^{is} informed
that Mahalaya Amavasi
falls this year on Sunday
the 16th September and it
~~there~~^{therefore} has been omitted
from the list published with
G.O. no 390 $\frac{1}{2}$ Home (mis), dated
the 6th December 1916.

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telegram will be despatched
to the Chairman, Chamber
of Commerce, Madras.

[No] 3564 your telegram
25th regarding holidays.

Government ~~represented~~
~~advised~~ advised
dates already fixed [are]
Correct. They are not
prepared to ^{alter} modify them.

No necessity modification

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Recd.
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To
The Chairman, Chamber of
Commerce.

Deputy Sec., Madras Observer

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