

PART – II

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

No. GS/2015-29-PHD/102015/1040/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2016 in addition to those notified as Public Holidays.

No	Name of the Optional Holidays	Date / Saka Era	Days of Week
1.	Christian New Year Day	1 st January, 2016 / 11, Paush, 1937	Friday
2.	Guru Govindsingh's Birthday	5 th January, 2016 / 15, Paush, 1937	Tuesday
3.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 th January, 2016 / 25, Paush, 1937	Friday
4.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	20 th February, 2016 / 1, Phalgun, 1937	Saturday
5.	Jamshedi Navroz (Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 st March, 2016 / 1, Chaitra, 1938	Monday
6.	Holi	23 rd March, 2016 / 3, Chaitra, 1938	Wednesday
7.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	8 th April, 2016 / 19, Chaitra, 1938	Friday
8.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	20 th April, 2016 / 31, Chaitra, 1938	Wednesday
9.	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	22 nd April, 2016 / 2, Vaishakh, 1938	Friday
10.	Pesah (1st Day) (Yahudi)	23 rd April, 2016 / 3, Vaishakh, 1938	Saturday
11.	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	3 rd May, 2016 / 13, Vaishakh, 1938	Tuesday
12.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	11 th May, 2016 / 21, Vaishakh, 1938	Wednesday
13.	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	21 st May, 2016 / 31, Vaishakh, 1938	Saturday
14.	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	23 rd May, 2016 / 2, Jyesth, 1938	Monday
15.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	24 th May, 2016 / 3, Jyesth, 1938	Tuesday
16.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	8 th June, 2016 / 18, Jyesth, 1938	Wednesday
17.	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	27 th June, 2016 / 6, Ashadh, 1938	Monday
18.	Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	6 th July, 2016 / 15, Ashadh, 1938	Wednesday
19.	Ramjan-Id (Id-UI-Fitra) (2 nd Shawaal-Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	7 th July, 2016 / 16, Ashadh, 1938	Thursday
20.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	15 th July, 2016 / 24, Ashadh, 1938	Friday
21.	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	18 th July, 2016 / 27, Ashadh, 1938	Monday
22.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	23 rd July, 2016 / 1, Shravan, 1938	Saturday
23.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	16 th August, 2016 / 25, Shravan, 1938	Tuesday
24.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	22 nd August, 2016 / 31, Shravan, 1938	Monday
25.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	26 th August, 2016 / 4, Bhadrapad, 1938	Friday
26.	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	29 th August, 2016 / 7, Bhadrapad, 1938	Monday
27.	Shravan Vad-13 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Panchami Paksha)	30 th August, 2016 / 8, Bhadrapad, 1938	Tuesday

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28.	Mahavir Swami JanmaVachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	2 nd September, 2016 / 11, Bhadrapad, 1938	Friday
29.	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadarva Sud-4)	5 th September, 2016 / 14, Bhadrapad, 1938	Monday
30.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	6 th September, 2016 / 15, Bhadrapad, 1938	Tuesday
31.	Onam	14 th September, 2016 / 23, Bhadrapad, 1938	Wednesday
32.	Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	3 rd October, 2016 / 11, Ashwin, 1938	Monday
33.	Eve of Kippur (Yahudi)	11 th October, 2016 / 19, Ashwin, 1938	Tuesday
34.	9 th Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	11 th October, 2016 / 19, Ashwin, 1938	Tuesday
35.	Yom Kippur (Yahudi)	12 th October, 2016 / 20, Ashwin, 1938	Wednesday
36.	Succoth (Yahudi)	17 th October, 2016 / 25, Ashwin, 1938	Monday
37.	Dhan Terash (AsoVad- 13)	28 th October, 2016 / 6, Kartik, 1938	Friday
38.	Kali Chaudash (Aso Vad-14)	29 th October, 2016 / 7, Kartik, 1938	Saturday
39.	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	14 th November, 2016 / 23, Kartik, 1938	Monday
40.	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	29 th November, 2016 / 8, Agrahayan, 1938	Tuesday
41.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti	10 th December, 2016 / 19, Agrahayan, 1938	Saturday
42.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 th December, 2016 / 5, Paush, 1938	Monday

Note: (1) The following days have not been notified as Optional Holidays as they fall on Sunday

1.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	24 th April, 2016 / 4, Vaishakh, 1938	Sunday
2.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	12 th June, 2016 / 22, Jyesth, 1938	Sunday
3.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi kadmi)	17 th July, 2016 / 26, Ashadh, 1938	Sunday
4.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	14 th August, 2016 / 23, Shravan, 1938	Sunday
5.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	14 th August, 2016 / 23, Shravan, 1938	Sunday
6.	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	18 th December, 2016 / 27, Agrahayan, 1938	Sunday

Note: (2) Government Employees may avail of maximum any two of the holidays on the festival occasions mentioned above at their option and irrespective of their religious denomination. Permission for availment of this optional holidays should however, be applied for in advance and will normally be granted by the officer competent to grant casual leave with due regard to the exigencies of Government work. This leave of two days taken by Government Employees at their discretion on the festival of their choice will not be debited to their casual leave account.

Note: (3) If any of the Muslim holidays notified above, does not fall on the day notified, the Muslim Government Employees may be granted an optional holiday on the day on which the holiday is actually observed.