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It was observed by the Department that there is ambiguity in respect of Discretionary Holidays and Restricted holidays in Government Colleges and Govt. Aided Colleges.

After taking into consideration the views of all the stakeholders, it is decided to issue the fresh guidelines to keep uniformity in Government as well as Govt. Aided Colleges under this Directorate as follows:

1. The Heads of the Colleges are authorized to declare 06 discretionary holidays. However out of 06 discretionary holidays, minimum 02 discretionary holidays needs to be declared necessarily during Ganesh Chaturthi festival (i.e. any two days from Hartalika /third/ fourth/fifth day) and minimum 01 for X'mas festival (i.e. 24th December or 1st January). Remaining 03 holidays shall be declared on local festivals/feast etc. including Ganesh Chaturthi and X'mas festivals if Principal so desires to give additional holiday if any during these festivals with the prior approval of this Directorate at the beginning of the academic year
2. Discretionary holiday will be for entire Institution and no separate discretionary holiday for teachers and non teaching staff can be granted
3. There shall be no Restricted Holidays for Colleges.

This supersedes the earlier guidelines issued by this office.

This issues with the approval of the Government.


(Diwan N. Rane)
Under Secretary (Higher Education)

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1. All the Govt. Colleges under this Directorate
 2. All the Govt. Aided Colleges under this Directorate