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Government of India  
Ministry of Finance  
Department of Revenue  
Central Board of Excise and Customs  

5th floor, HUDCO Viashala Building,  
Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi.  
Dated 18th May, 2016  

To  

All Principal Chief Commissioners/Chief Commissioners,  
All Commissioners/Directors General under CBEC.  

Subject: Observation of Anti-Terrorism Day.  

Sir,  

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter No. 19/4/2016-  
Public dated 2nd May, 2016 alongwith copy of pledge both in Hindi and  
English received from Ministry of Home Affairs on the subject mentioned  
above and for information and necessary action.  

Since this year 21st May, 2016 falls on Saturday, a closed holiday for  
Central Government offices, "pledge taking Ceremony" may be held on  
Friday the 20th May, 2016.  

Yours faithfully,  

(B. Ginkhan Mang)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India  

Encls. As above.  
Copy to DGHRD, New Delhi. It may be insured that the observance of Anti  
Terrism Day is followed in all the field formations under CBEC.  

(B. Ginkhan Mang)  
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
To

Chief Secretaries of all State Governments, Administrators of all Union Territories, and Secretaries of all Ministries/Departments of the Govt. of India.

Subject: Observance of Anti-Terrorism Day.

Sir,

I am directed to say that every year May 21 is observed as Anti-Terrorism Day. The objective behind observance of this day is to wean away the youth from terrorism and the cult of violence by highlighting the sufferings of common people and showing as to how it is prejudicial to the national interest.

2. The ways in which this objective can be achieved have been enumerated below:

(i) by organizing debates/discussions in schools, colleges and universities;

(ii) holding of symposiums/seminars, lectures, etc. on the dangers of terrorism & violence;

(iii) a determined and sustained drive to bring about a mass awakening against terrorism and violence by making appropriate projection through the media i.e. newspapers, journals, magazines, All India Radio and Doordarshan etc. including poster and pamphleteering;

(iv) for the mass education programme, to highlight the ill-effects of violence and terrorism, imaginative use of the electronic/print media by involving prominent sports, film and other prominent personalities and distribution of T-Shirts with attractive anti-violence/terrorist slogans;

(v) involving voluntary organizations, social and cultural bodies to have their own programmes through lectures, talks, discussions, musical and recitation programmes and cultural functions;

(vi) anti-terrorism/violence pledge to be taken in all Government offices, public sector undertakings and other public institutions.

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3. The above are some illustrative items of the proposed programme; you may kindly add or modify to suit special requirement, if any, prevailing in your State. I request you to kindly look into the matter personally and provide guidance to all concerned in your State including necessary publicity, to organise various programmes all over the State in observing 21st May as 'Anti-Terrorism Day' in a most befitting manner.

4. An important feature of the observance of the Anti-Terrorism Day is the "pledge-taking" ceremony in all Government offices, public sector undertakings and other public institutions. A copy of the "pledge" (both in English & Hindi) is enclosed.

5. This year 21st May falls on Saturday, a closed holiday for Central Government offices. To avoid inconvenience to the employees who have to travel long distance from suburbs/cities to come to office on Saturday, it has been decided that the 'pledge taking ceremony' in the offices of the Central Government may be held on Friday, the 20th May, 2016. However, if 21st May, 2016 is not a closed holiday for the State/UT Government, the pledge taking ceremony may be held on 21st May, 2016. The ceremony may preferably be held in the forenoon.

6. You are, accordingly, requested to organize appropriate programmes, including the pledge-taking ceremony, to observe the Anti-Terrorism Day in a befitting manner.

Yours faithfully,

(Satpal Chouhan)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
Tele. No.011-23093178

Encl. : As above
स्वागत

हम भारतवासी अपने देश की अहिंसा एवं सहनशीलता की परम्परा में दृढ़ विश्वास स्कर्ते हैं तथा निष्ठापूर्वक शपथ लेते हैं कि हम सभी प्रकार के आतंकवाद और हिंसा का डटकर विरोध करेंगे। हम मानव जाति के सभी वर्गों के बीच शांति, सामाजिक सद्भाव तथा सूक्ष्मबूख कायम करने और मानव जीवन मूल्यों को खतरा पहुंचाने वाली और विघटनकारी शक्तियों से लड़ने की भी शपथ लेते हैं।

PLEDGE

We, the people of India, having abiding faith in our country's tradition of non-violence and tolerance, hereby solemnly affirm to oppose with our strength, all forms of terrorism and violence. We pledge to uphold and promote peace, social harmony, and understanding among all fellow human beings and fight the forces of disruption threatening human lives and values.