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TO ALL OUR MEMBERS:

Promotion Year 2022-23 - Written Examination on the day of Assembly Elections

We have sent a communication to the Chief General Manager, SBI, LHO Chandigarh on the captioned subject. A copy is enclosed for information.

With revolutionary greetings,

(Deepak K Sharma)
General Secretary

Dated: 02.02.2022

The Chief General Manager
State Bank of India
Local Head Office
Chandigarh

Dear Sir,

Promotion Year 2022-23 - Written Examination on the day of Assembly Elections

With reference to the captioned subject, and notification of the Assistant General Manager (HR), LHO Chandigarh dated 25.11.2021, wherein the revised schedule for written examinations for Promotion Year 2022-23 was advised. The undernoted written examinations are scheduled for the 20th February, 2022 (Sunday) -

1. JMGS- I to MMGS -II (General Cadre)
2. JMGS- I to MMGS -II & MMGS-II to MMGS - III (Specialist Cadre)

We refer the Election Commission of India's press note No. ECI/PN/9/2022 dated January 17, 2022, wherein "the Commission has decided to reschedule the General Elections to Legislative Assembly of Punjab in the following manner:

1. Date of Notification: 25th January 2022 (Tuesday)
2. Last date of Nomination: 1st February 2022 (Tuesday)
3. Date of Scrutiny: 2nd February 2022 (Wednesday)
4. Date of Withdrawal: 4th February 2022 (Friday)
5. **Date of Poll: 20th February 2022 (Sunday)."**

We also refer to guidelines issued by the Government of India, DOPT vide OM NO. 12/14/99-JCA dated 10th October 2001, in connection with the elections:

- I) The relevant offices/organizations shall remain closed on the day of the poll in the notified areas where general elections to the Lok Sabha and state legislative Assemblies are scheduled to take place.
- II) Such Employees who are bona-fide voters may be granted a special Casual leave on the day of the polling.

We also refer to relevant sections of HR Manual Vol 1, detailing as follows –

“16.7.1.6. For exercising franchise during general/ bye-elections to Lok Sabha/state assemblies

“Every eligible voter is entitled to be registered on the electoral rolls of a constituency in which he ordinarily resides. It may happen in some cases that a bank employee residing and enrolled as a voter in a particular place/ constituency may be posted in a branch / office located at some other place.

In such cases, the individual employee may be granted special casual leave for full or part of the day of polling if his branch /office does not happen to be closed on the particular day to enable him to exercise his franchise after obtaining an undertaking as per specimen given in Annexure 16.3. However, no special leave shall be granted for the period of journey between the place of posting to the place where the election is being held and back.”

It is worthwhile to mention that some of our officers who are eligible for this promotion may be assigned election duty or may need to cast their vote at a faraway place where they are registered as voter.

Keeping in view the above, we request your good office to immediately intervene and arrange for rescheduling the examination to avoid the clash of the examination test day with poll day, enabling the concerned officers to exercise their democratic right of voting.

Yours faithfully,

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(Deepak K. Sharma)
General Secretary