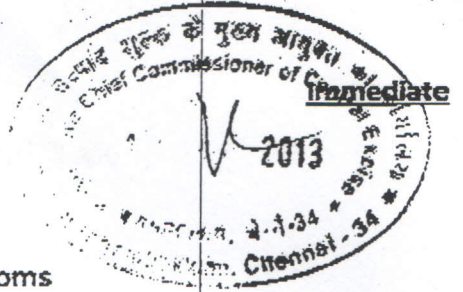


F.No.296/42/2013-CX.9  
 Government of India  
 Ministry of Finance  
 Department of Revenue  
 Central Board of Excise & Customs



New Delhi, the 15th March, 2013

To,

All Chief Commissioners of Central Excise and Customs,  
 All Chief Commissioners of Central Excise,  
 All Chief Commissioners of Customs,  
 All Chief Commissioners of LTUs

**Subject: Opening of offices during the last week of the March, 2013 - reg.**

Sir/ Madam,

As you are aware, the bulk of the revenue is received at the end of the month. However, during the last week of this month, there are a number of holidays. Incidentally, this week also happens to be last week of the Financial year 2012-2013. While, 27th and 29th March are Gazetted Holidays, 26th March is a Restricted Holiday on account of Holika Dahan, followed by weekend on 30th and 31st March being Saturday and Sunday respectively.

2. The Department has proposed to the Department of Financial Services to issue instructions to have the banks open for longer hours on 26th, 28th and 30th March 2013 so that the collections of revenue and the efforts of the two departments are reflected appropriately. It has also been proposed to have the banks opened for at least half day on the above holidays and on 31st March (Sunday).

3. I am, therefore, directed to request you to keep your offices, as a special measure, opened on 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March and also issue trade notices for the information of the trade.

Yours faithfully,

(Surendra Singh)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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