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The General Manager,
All Indian Railways
(including Production Units)


Please find enclosed a copy of letter No. 19/13/2014-Public dated 12th May, 2014, along with its enclosures on the above subject, received from the Ministry of Home Affairs for information and necessary action.

DA: As above.

(D. Joseph)
Dy. Dir. Estt.(Genl.)
No. 19/13/2014-Public
Government of India/Bharat Sarkar
Ministry of Home Affairs/Grih Mantralaya

North Block, New Delhi,
Dated the 12th May, 2014

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. The ways in which this objective can be achieved have been enumerated in former Union Home Minister’s D.O. letter No.19/3/92-Public dated 13th May, 1992, a copy of which is enclosed for guidance. 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.

2. 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
New Delhi, the 12th May, 2014.

Copy, with enclosures, forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. President’s Secretariat
2. Vice-President’s Secretariat
3. Prime Minister’s Office
4. Registrar, Supreme Court of India
5. Registrar, Delhi High Court
6. Cabinet Secretariat
7. Rajya Sabha Secretariat
8. Lok Sabha Secretariat
9. Planning Commission
10. Election Commission of India
11. Union Public Service Commission
12. Office of Comptroller & Auditor General of India
13. Central Vigilance Commission
14. University Grants Commission
15. National Commission for SCs
16. National Commission for STs
17. National Commission for Backward Classes
18. National Commission for Minorities
19. Telecom Commission
20. National Commission for Women
21. National Human Rights Commission
22. Manager, Reserve Bank of India
23. All attached & subordinate offices of the Ministry of Home Affairs
24. Ad. III Section/MHA for making necessary arrangement in connection with holding of ceremony.
25. Principal Information Officer, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi-110001 for appropriate media coverage of the event
26. ADG (M&C), MHA

(Satpal Chouhan)
Joint Secretary to the Government of India
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It has been decided to observe 21st May, 1992 as Anti-Terrorism Day.

2. As you are aware, terrorism and violence are now no longer confined to any particular region of the country; it has affected a number of States in different degrees, posing a threat to national security instilling in the minds of the people a sense of fear and uncertainty. It has to be countered by all possible means and at all levels. It seems necessary to generate an awareness in the country amongst all sections of people, about the danger of terrorism, violence and its dangerous effect on the people, the society and the country as a whole. We have to translate this feeling of danger into some form of action by which the required message is put across to all the people in a befitting manner.

3. The objective behind the observance of Anti-Terrorism Day is to wean away the youth from the terrorists/violence cult by highlighting the suffering of the common people and showing how it is prejudicial to the national interest. These objectives can be achieved in more ways than one. Namely,

(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 posterising 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. A copy of pledge is enclosed.
4. 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.

5. I shall be happy to have your response in the matter at an early date.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(S.B. CHAVAN)

All Chief Ministers (by name)
Except J&K and Nagaland
Governor of J&K and Nagaland.
शापथ

हम भारतवासी अपने देश की अहिंसा एवं सहनशीलता की परम्परा में दूढ़ विश्वास रखते हैं तथा निष्ठापूर्वक शापथ 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 सूक्ष्म खात्मा कायम करने और मानव जीवन मूल्यों को स्तंभ रहने वाली और विवाद-विवादी शक्तियों से लड़ने की भी शापथ 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.