

## **Press Release**

The State Election Commission has notified the schedule for the Ordinary Election to Local Bodies 2006 in two phases. The first phase of Election is on Friday, the 13th October, 2006 and the second phase of Election is on Sunday, the 15th October, 2006. The Government have declared Friday, the 13th October, 2006, as a Public Holiday for the above local bodies elections. Sunday, the 15th October, 2006 is already a Public Holiday under the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881.

Every person employed in any business trade, industrial undertaking or any other establishment and entitled to vote at election shall, on the date of poll, be granted a holiday, and no deduction or abatement of the wages of any such person shall be made on account of a holiday having been so granted. If an employer contravenes these stipulations, then he shall be punishable under Section 135 B of the Representation of People Act, 1951.

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