

**Government of Punjab
Department of Home Affairs & Justice**

To

1. All the Divisional Commissioners and the Deputy Commissioners in the State
2. All the Zonal IGPs, Commissioners of Police, DIGs and SSPs in the State

No.SS/ACSH/2020/455

Dated: Chandigarh, the 29th day of May, 2020.

Sub: Request from bank employees for changing banking business hours from 10 am to 4 pm to 7 am to 1 pm.

Kindly find enclosed herewith request dated the 27th May 2020 from the Bank Employees' Federation of India (Punjab) for changing banking business timings from 10 am to 4 pm to 7 am to 1 pm.

The Deputy Commissioners have been authorised to stagger the timings for opening of banks, offices, shops etc. and accordingly, depending upon the local circumstances, the request of the bank employees may kindly be considered and the issue addressed.

Darshan Chandra

Additional Chief Secretary(Home)

29.05.2020

CC:

1. CPS/CM
2. CS
3. PSCM
4. DGP Punjab
5. ADGP-Law & Order

pleading for change of business hours timings in banks to avoid suffocation and contaminated sweat in summer peak .

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Subject : pleading for change of business hours timings in banks to avoid suffocation and contaminated sweat in summer peak

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And

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To,

The Principal Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs(Punjab)
Chandigarh.

Sub:- pleading for change of business hours timings in banks to avoid suffocation and contaminated sweat in summer peak .

Sir,

I as bearer of above mentioned offices and on behalf of our members, draw your kind attention to the subject matter. Sir we pray before you to consider the following points:-

1. In outdoors masks are compulsory for the customer and employees, in this peak summer(10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. the heat wave is at its peak) when due to mask oxygen inhalation decreases (exhaled carbon dioxide gets recycled in inhalation) for aged and other customers as well as employee long exposure can be instant danger to health and bound to have adverse affect in the long run.
2. Due to Corona guidelines good ventilation has to be maintained in branches but on the contrary nowadays branches are designed with nearly zero ventilation and full AC pattern so it exposes employees and customers sitting in the closed rooms to recognised dangers of health.
3. Due to no chair orders vide advisory dt. 23rd April 2020 of mohfw Punjab, it would be very difficult for the customers to come from distance and then keep standing. Shouldn't expect all customers to be sports professional to tolerate this Hazard in killing heat.
4. This season causes sweating in the body and contamination of sweat of infected person is inevitable. So contaminated sweat become another medium of Corona spread. one sanitizes his hands but due to contaminated sweat sanitisation would be countered In The Heat.
5. The vapours from mouth or nose of infected person if released in air become aerosol for 3-4 hours so it is not safe for the employees to give long sittings in not properly ventilated rooms
6. vide advisory dt. 23rd April 2020 of mohfw Punjab, bank employees not to roam in the branch contrary to the pre Corona health advice that recommended taking walk in the office premises to counter the long sittings. So longer spans of sitting will definitely cause inherent problem to bank employees.
7. The emphasis of the government now is on loan. Due to slow down at the moment, cash transactions are not going to revive to its 100% in near future. Therefore public dealing for cash may be kept at 4 hours and public dealing for loans and Forex may be extended for two more hours that is for 6 hours so that all the staff is not bound to sit late and get unnecessarily exposed.

Therefore on the basis of above mentioned arguments we plead strongly, your office to change the business timings of banks as 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for cash dealing and 7:00 a.m. to 01:00 pm for loan and Forex related matters.

This way government policy and people's health would better be taken care of.

At the end we reiterate our pleading against ordered 10 a m to 4 pm business hours for banking in the given scenario as mentioned above and pray your office to show the human face for the above mentioned pleadings.

Regards

Avnish Khosla