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CM writes to PM on proposed setting up of IIS in Orissa

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Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on Thursday wrote a letter to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh reiterating his demand to open the Indian Institute of Science here. If it does not look into the genuine demands of the State, there is likely to be a great resentment against the Centre, the Chief Minister warned.

The Prime Minister announced in New Delhi that two science institutes on the model of IIS, Bangalore will come up in Pune and Kolkata.

Reacting sharply to it, the Chief Minister sent a letter to the Prime Minister.

In his letter, the Chief Minister said the NDA Government had agreed to set up the institute here and the University Grants Commission also acknowledged it through a letter. The State Government had also selected a site for the institution. When the State is going to witness a rapid industrialisation, there is a need for the establishment of institutes like AIIMS and IIT.

It is pertinent to mention here that the NDA Government had proposed to set up IISs in Allahabad, Bhubaneswar, Pune and Chennai. It had even earmarked a budgetary provision of Rs 100 crore in the Ninth Plan for this purpose. The State Government earmarked 75 acres of land at Kandheipur on the outskirts of the city for the proposed institute.

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