

ESTABLISHMENT OF NIS / IISER AT BHUBANESWAR

AS EARLIER DECIDED

(A Memorandum from Senior Citizens of Bhubaneswar who have served the State in top positions

with acknowledged expertise in their respective fields.)

Dear Esteemed Prime minister:

To the Consultative Committee of our Parliament addressed to Ministry of Human Resources Development, on the 9th December 2003, the then HRD minister Professor M. M. Joshi had revealed that the Union Government had decided to establish four National Institutes of Sciences (NIS) at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Pune and Allahabad. This is documented besides records of Parliament in link -[1] provided in the footnote.

Sir, when the above decision was awaiting execution, as a report in [www. Orissamatters.com](http://www.Orissamatters.com) at <http://orissamatters.com/news/index.php/2005/10/07/under-whose-spell-the-prime-minister-has-done-it/> (vide Footnote link [2]) indicates, you have passed orders for setting up of Indian Institute of Science for Education and Research (IISER) one each at Kolkata and Pune respectively, in total disregard to the pending NIS for Orissa. For ready reference we give link No. [3] in the Footnote.

The aim of the National Institute of Sciences that Professor Joshi had announced in December 2003 is the same as the proposed IISERs. Thus, we are at a loss to understand how Bhubaneswar was ignored while clearing the IISER for Kolkata.

Sir, It is extremely unfair on part of the Central Government to have obliterated the decision for establishment of a NIS at Bhubaneswar without taking Orissa's aspirations into consideration.

We are providing in the footnote some further e-links for your kind perusal. From them you can see that Orissa does not have any central university [Link No.4], or any institution of national importance, such as IIT, ISI, etc. [Link No.5], any reputed centrally funded institute such as an IIM, or any centrally funded IIIT or IIITM. It also does not have an autonomous science and technology institution of the department of science and technology as listed in footnote link No.[6].

Therefore, for a balance growth of academic infrastructure for education and research in science, the Central Government had decided to establish a NIS at Bhubaneswar. The September orders

of the PM to shift the same to Kolkata not only deepens the regional imbalance but also chills the hope and aspirations of the people of Orissa.

Sir, It is unacceptable that the Prime minister of India changes an educational investment decision made by an earlier government, especially related to a state like Orissa, which has very little Central Government investment in higher education, even though it has the background to justify establishment of NIS or its new Avatar IISER. (e-link [7], [8] and [9] given in the Footnote). We suspect, the 2003 decision of Government of India to give Orissa a NIS was kept concealed by vested interests while persuading the PM to clear IISER for Kolkata. Had it not been so, we are sure, the PM would never have done this gross injustice to Orissa.

Netizens of Orissa with high reputation in the field of science and technology, culture, literature, social service and mass communication belonging to 'My Odisha' group of 'ODIA SAMAJA' have collectively e-mailed you an appeal to please ensure that the National Institute of Science offered originally to Orissa is not obliterated.

In submitting this memorandum to you, we fully endorse the ODIA SAMAJ appeal and sincerely request you to please withdraw your September decision and in the alternative, to at least add back Bhubaneswar to the list of IISERs, thus bringing back dignity and a sense of fair play to the Government of India.

The e-link references:

- [1]. http://www.ugc.ac.in/pub/jan_2004/12.htm
- [2]. <http://orissamatters.com/news/index.php/2005/10/07/under-whose-spell-the-prime-minister-has-done-it/>
- [3]. <http://pib.nic.in/release/release.asp?relid=12305>
- [4]. <http://www.ugc.ac.in/inside/utype.php?st=Central%20University>
<http://www.education.nic.in/htmlweb/autbod.htm>
- [5]. <http://www.ugc.ac.in/inside/utype.php?st=Institute%20of%20National%20Importance>
- [6]. http://dst.gov.in/autonomous/autonomous_index.htm
- [7]. <http://www.public.asu.edu/~cbaral/orissa/nis-why.html>

[8]. <http://www.public.asu.edu/~cbaral/orissa/iit-nis.html>

[9]. <http://orissamatters.com/news/index.php/2005/10/13/why-an-nisiserit-should-be-established/>

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