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HC stays proposed shifting of NIS from Bhubaneswar

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The Orissa High Court on Tuesday put a stay on the proposed shifting of the National Institute of Sciences from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata. Hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), filed by one Madhu Sudan Panda, the High Court asked the Union and the State Government to file their counters within four weeks.

The Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice SB Roy and Justice MM Das, directed the proposal of shifting the institute be stayed until the disposal of the PIL.

In 2000, the NDA Government had initiated the proposal to have four NISs in the country, out of which one was to come up in Bhubaneswar. Following the decision, the State Government made available 75 acres of prime land near Utkal University, as per the provision of the University Grants Commission.

While submitting a report in the court, the State Government stated that there had been no other communication from the UGC or the Centre regarding the shifting of the institute. However, after it learnt about the foundation laying ceremony of the institute in Kolkata, the Government raised its objection before the Centre.


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