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BJP's dharna against UPA government

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BHUBANESWAR, Nov. 16. — Hundreds of BJP activists staged a dharna in front of Raj Bhavan here today in protest against the alleged neglect of UPA government towards Orissa and demanding the resignation of Union minister Mr K Natwar Singh in the wake of Volcker Committee report.

Citing the recent move of the UPA government to shift the proposed National Institute of Sciences from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata, the BJP leaders said that this was the burning example of the "step-motherly treatment" of UPA government towards Orissa.

It may be noted that the NDA government had decided in 2003 to set up National Institute of Sciences in six places including Bhubaneswar. However, the UPA government has reportedly altered the decision and decided to shift the NIS from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata.

Flaying the Congress high command for shielding the Union minister Mr K Natwar Singh, who has been named in the Volcker report, the BJP leaders demanded his immediate resignation.

The protest dharna was led by the BJP national general secretary Mr Om Prakash and state unit president Mr Juel Oram.

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