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**House Committee to be constituted into NIS issue**

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Taking a strong note of the feelings of the members on the shifting of the National Institute of Sciences (NIS) from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata, Deputy Speaker of Assembly Prahallad Dora on Wednesday announced that a House Committee would be constituted to take up the matter with the Centre and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

Raising this issue through a call-attention motion, legislator Aswini Kumar Patra said that shifting of NIS from Bhubaneswar was a blot on the face of Orissa.

"The step-motherly attitude of the Centre will not be tolerated," he added.

He wanted that an all party delegation should visit New Delhi and take up this issue with the Centre.

He also pressed for a resolution in the Assembly condemning the attitude of the Centre.

Supporting Mr Patra, other ruling party members, including Dr Ramesh Chandra Chaou Patnaik, Raghu Nath Mohanty, Pratap Jena and others alleged that the State is continuously neglected by the Centre.

They said that Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik had already sent a missive to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on this issue. But no concrete results came out on this.

The NDA Government had cleared the proposal and asked the State to allocate land for the institute. As per Centre's direction, the State reserved around 75 acres of land in the City.

They said Orissa has rich human resources. Every care should be taken to groom talents of Orissa. When the Chief Minister approached the Centre not to shift NIS from Orissa, it was unfortunate that the Centre shifted the institute from Bhubaneswar to Kolkata.

They demanded constitution of a House Committee to take up the issue with the Centre and the Prime Minister.

Deputy Speaker Mr Dora, earlier was of the opinion that since a Railway Committee has already there and it should take up this issue.

But, when the members did not agree to the proposal, Higher Education Minister Samir Dey intervened in the matter and said the House Committee should be constituted and the Congress should co-operate on this issue.

Pradesh Congress Committee president and legislator Jaydev Jena said the Congress is not responsible for the shifting of the institute, it was the NDA Government which should be blamed for the episode.

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