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Dear Prime Minister Ji,

The news item that the National Institute of Sciences is now being set up at Kolkata instead of Bhubaneswar has aroused widespread public discontentment. Of late, there has been a public interest litigation in the High Court of Orissa praying that the Institute should not be shifted from Orissa. The people of Orissa feel let down by the decision to shift the Institute to Kolkata particularly because the Chairman, University Grants Commission had, as early as 23.07.2003, indicated establishment of the Institute in Orissa. The site for the Institute has already been selected and the change of decision at this stage is a serious set back to us. I have taken up the matter with you twice vide my D.O. letter No.UM-1/05-421/CM., dt. 23.08.2005 and D.O. letter No.UM-1/05-491/CM., dt. 29.09.2005.

I once again strongly urge that the earlier decision of Government of India may please be honoured and the Institute set up in Orissa.

With Regards

Yours sincerely,

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