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To
The Minister in charge of Higher Education
Government of West Bengal
Bikash Bhavan; Bidhan Nagar
Calcutta -

Sir,

Both the Ministry of Human Resources Development (MHRD) and the All India Council of technical Education (AICTE) have proposed an upgradation of the Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) to an institution of national importance by either transforming it into an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) or conferring on it an IIT-like status. The teachers and students of BESU are all in favour of this proposal. If implemented, this step would substantially improve the quality of both teaching and research in this institute. This would also bring more funds for its future expansion and development and would also increase industry university collaboration.

The whole proposal has been under the consideration of your department for a fairly long time. This unduly delay on part of the state government in agreeing to this proposal is very worrisome. The teachers and the students of BESU are justifiably getting very restive. The Teachers' Association there has recently launched a movement demanding immediate implementation of the upgradation proposal. Surely, the State Government cannot have any objection to the upgradation and funding of any educational institution in this state by central government and its agencies. This step would remove the perennial fund shortages faced by the state universities for at least one university. It would also lead to the BESU subsequently becoming a centre of excellence and be of immense benefit not only to its students but also to the society in general. We, therefore, urge you to immediately notify your consent to the upgradation proposal for BESU.

Thanking you,

Sincerely Yours

(Dipak Kumar Bandyopadhyay)
General Secretary