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D.O.No. 30 CM,
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Respected Prime Minister,

You may be aware that the Bengal Engineering & Science University, Shibpur, Howrah has been selected by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development for receiving special assistance from Government of India for its upgradation to the status of Indian Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology(IIST), based on the recommendations of the Anandkrishnan Committee. Bengal Engineering College happens to be one of the oldest technical education centres in the country. The College, during 150 years of its existence, has produced large number of professionals in Engineering Sciences, who have earned many distinctions for the country, at both national and international levels.

My colleague, Prof. Sudarshan Ray Chaudhuri, Minister-in-Charge of Higher Education in Government of West Bengal had earlier written to Union Human Resource Development Minister(Ref. nos. HEMS/1235/2006 dated 03-11-2006, HWMS/1324/2006 dated 15-11-2006 and HWMS/263/2007 dated 16-02-2007), communicating the State Government's in-principle acceptance of the proposal for upgradation of the Bengal Engineering & Science University to the status of Indian Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, and requested him for early release of funds to support the process of upgradation of the University.

The University is now in the midst of celebrating its Sesqui Centenary Year. The teachers, students and alumni of Bengal Engineering & Science University will feel greatly encouraged if the approval of Government of India is communicated and required funds are released while the Sesqui Centenary celebrations are on.

We firmly believe that the Bengal Engineering & Science University, with its proven track record, deserves such a declaration in recognition of its meritorious service to the nation. This will provide an added impetus to this eminent institution to serve the country by producing technical manpower of the highest calibre in the days to come.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


[Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee]

Dr. Manmohan Singh,
Prime Minister of India,