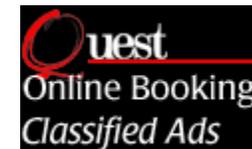




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### Besu fails to clear grant bid

Statesman News Service

KOLKATA, Oct. 16: Bengal Engineering and Science University (BESU) is stuck in a Catch 22 situation: the state government has pledged to support its upgrade bid but has failed to clear up the pending issues concerning governance and admissions procedures which the Centre requires in order to grant it Institute of National Importance status.

At a meeting with BESU authorities today education minister professor Mr Sudarshan Roy Choudhury assured teachers of the state's support in its bid to become an Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IEST), as recommended by the Central government-appointed Anandkrishnan Committee. However, the department failed to offer its proposal on the issues of the institute's governance and admissions procedures, which must be decided before the upgrade is granted. The state, however, is unwilling to give up its role in the institution's governance.

It was supposed to have prepared its own proposal and send it to the ministry for human resources and development (MHRD).

A failure to reach a consensus on these two issues has so far held back the state government from okaying the Anandkrishnan Committee's recommendation. "Prof Roy Choudhury said the state is in favour of a participatory form of governance wherein the state will be a partner in governance procedures. He also said the state cannot deny admission to the students in the state by making the admission process in BESU open to all students [across the country]", Mr Sujoy Mukherjee, general secretary, BESU Teachers' Association, said.

The university has asked the state government to make a decision soon so that the


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university can be upgraded by 24 November, the day it begins its 150th anniversary celebrations, Mr Mukherjee added.



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