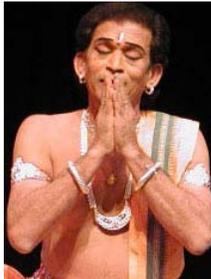


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Gajapati, Orissa, INDIA.

PM promises IIT for Orissa

Bhubaneswar:26/June/2007

The Prime Minister Man Mohan Singh has once again came to support Orissa with an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT).

Dr.Singh said that "there will be an IIT in Orissa".

The Prime Minister's commitment came during a meeting with J B Patnaik, the Leader of Opposition (LOP) of Orissa. JB met Dr.Singh on June 23 at New Delhi.



Speaking to tathya.in JB disclosed the information.

According to Mr.Patnaik , the PM was categorical about Orissa and said "I am aware of the demands for an IIT in the state and it will be set there". PM's assurance came in the face of the resistance of Arjun Singh, the Minister Human Resources Development (HRD) to support Orissa with institutions of higher learning.

Dr.Singh said as per his promise, funding for National Institute Science Education and Research (NISER) is finalized. He said that Rs.800 crore is being funded to NISER, which is being approved by the Union Cabinet.

The PM said that Orissa is included in all the Flag Ship Programs of the UPA Government at the Centre.

On the demand to include Cuttack in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM), Dr.Singh not only assured but has asked the Ministry of Urban Development (MUD) to prepare plan accordingly.

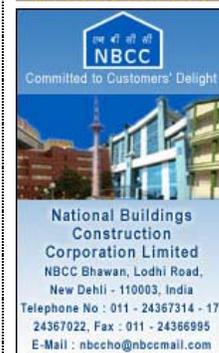
Connecting the broad gauge railway line from Gunupur to Theruvali, Dr.Singh asked the railway authorities to include it in the expansion plan of the Ministry of Railways (MoR).

The Naupada-Gunupur railline is being converted to broad gauge but the MoR dubbing Gunupur-Theruvali, a poor economic returns line has shelved the expansion project.

Mr.Patnaik said that Dr.Singh has given assurance in this regard to take up the expansion work up to Theruvali.

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I verymuch doubt this promise.It is too good to be true.Had it been so, why can't Hon'ble PM declare it in press directly? why thru somebody else? May be to deny it later! 27/6/2007,Sambalpur

M.S.Padhi
1/27/2008

Dear Padhi babu, If this news report were true, the PM would obviously wait until his forthcoming Orissa visit before announcing it - that way he would gain maximum possible mileage from this announcement. Who wouldn't?

Sanjoy Das
1/27/2008

Given the political overtones that the IIT controversy has acquired lately, the Congress-led UPA government stands fully discredited in Orissa otherwise. It's only redemption is to make up for half a century of CRIMINAL neglect of Orissa!

As it stands today, Orissa can only be compared with Baluchistan in Pakistan, Tibet in China, regions that are rife with secessionist movements!

If this is true, Manmohan Singh stands out as one of the few politicians in the nation with integrity. However, I strongly doubt the authenticity of this report. We all did read in the newspapers only six months back that M A Fatimi had decided to put up not one, but TWO IITs in Orissa. This time we are not even hearing it directly from Manmohan Singh. What if he denies ever saying that in the next session of parliament?

Sanjoy Das
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