Title: Reported shifting of proposed National Institute of Science from Bhubaneshwar to Kolkata.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Hon. Speaker, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government through you to the issue of proposed National Institute of Science. It was decided to be set up, by the previous NDA Government, Ministry of Human Resource Development at Bhubaneshwar, Orissa on the pattern of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. But now, it is under consideration to be shifted to Kolkata. It has shattered the aspirations and sentiments of the people of Orissa. It has created an agitational situation in the State. The entire State is completely agitated.

Sir, you know that the previous Government has decided about it, and the State Government has already earmarked land for the proposed National Institute of Science at Bhubaneshwar. It will give some incentive in the Eastern Zone. Orissa is a very neglected State even though it has quite good amount of natural resources. It is being neglected because the Government of India is perennially neglecting the State of Orissa. The State of Orissa is neglected whenever the Congress Government is there in Centre, and this is another instance of it. The previous NDA Government has given this prestigious National Institute of Science to Orissa. We are not against any State, and we want all the States to be improved and developed.

MR. SPEAKER: Okay, Mr. Tripathy, you have made your point.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: We are also having very good feelings and good relations with West Bengal. But this Government is creating problem for both the States. It is creating ill feeling between the two States that have very good relations with each other. Therefore, the Government of India should withdraw its present decision. The order for the National Institute of Science that was previously decided to be set up in Orissa should be carried out. The Government should initiate all necessary steps to provide funds for construction, etc. for this specific National Institute of Science at Bhubaneshwarâe; (Interruptions[ak20])

MR. SPEAKER: Now, I am allowing Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava and nobody else.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: We want a reaction from the Government. … (Interruptions)

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DR. PRASANNA KUMAR PATASANI (BHUBANESWAR): I would like to associate myself with what the hon. Member has stated. ...(Interruptions)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: I have not yet completed my submission.

MR. SPEAKER: Since the matter is a sensitive one, Shri Braja Kishore Tripathy wanted to raise it. I have allowed him to raise it. Let us not evolve every day a new procedure. Only those hon. Members who give notices are allowed to associate. Your sentiments are fully recorded and recognised and, therefore, I have allowed you to speak.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: We are not opposing the benefits given by the Government to any State. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Without a notice, nobody can participate.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: But why should it be done at the cost of Orissa?

MR. SPEAKER: You have made your point very clearly.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: At the cost of Orissa, why should some States be benefited? That is my point. There are so many institutions in Kolkata, and we do not want any of them to be shifted from Kolkata. ...(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, you can make your submission on a different point, but not on this.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Sir, the Government should react immediately because the entire State is agitated. The Chief Minister of Orissa had earlier written a letter to the hon. Prime Minister on this issue. We want a reaction from the Government that they will consider it. These are the sentiments of the entire State.

MR. SPEAKER: You have made your statement.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: Sir, the Government should give its reaction on this.

MR. SPEAKER: On every matter, I cannot compel them to react. The Minister is also not here.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY: The entire State is agitated. The Minister is there, Sir.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE): I would say only this much that I would bring the matter to the notice of the Minister concerned.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Basu Deb Acharia, please be very brief.