

## Current Comments

"Moon is earth's satellite and people of earth have the right to rule over their satellite. In their attempt to conquer the space above earth, the people of Russia and America harnessed the services of scientists, engineers, designers, astronauts, cosmonauts. The landing of Luna-9 on the moon is only an event in the series that would unfold the mysteries of creations of the Almighty. Our objective should be to know more and more of the creation and adore more and more the Creator. Our hats off to those who are devoting themselves to this cause.

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It is reported that some engineers are in favour of forming an "union" for fighting Lok Sabha election. The desirability of engineers sharing the administration of the country can never be over emphasised. In fact, engineers are shy in shouldering civil administration. If some of us can shed their shyness and seek people's vote for representation in parliamentary and civic bodies, we should hold them as pioneers among us. But there should be method and particularly when engineers are involved in this venture. Firstly, a programme should be chalked out to convince the voter. Secondly, politics should not make or mar our professional duties to society. Thirdly, our professional associations should not be used as platform for political manoeuvring. I quote from the address of Shri S. Bandopadhyaya, one of our past secretary and past president, delivered before the Bengal centre of Institution of Engineers on December 16, 1961.

"It is commonly felt that in the comity of social ideas and social values, the engineer is denied his proper place. \*\*\* I strongly feel it should not be so. But I also feel that the remedy does not lie in propaganda or group campaign but in the efforts of engineers to live upto the ideals of this universal profession. \*\*\* Otherwise, the Institution will degenerate into a house of trade union and engineering is not a trade."

We, the members of this Association stand by what our past president said in 1961. It is however, not to throw cold water on those who are thinking of standing for Lok Sabha election. We suggest for holding a conference of all engineering associations and to fight election from a separate platform altogether, without linking our parent professional associations.

### An Apology

Changes in editorship, publisher and printer geared us, beyond control and we failed to present this issue in time. Our sincere apology to members, subscribers, readers for this un-warranted lapse.

—Editor