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With this volume, the journal crosses the Golden Jubilee milestone. This volume presents on occasion for offering our homage to those whose inspiring zeal has led the Journal, through trials and tribulations, to cross its fiftieth year and an introspection for re-dedicating ourselves to the causes for which the journal stands. Fifty years for a journal is no trifling performance but it is no cause for our complacency to slacken efforts for updating. The Association of Engineers, India has yet to cross many hurdles and the path is not strewn with roses.

With avowed policy of faith in technological contribution for the advancement of the country, the corporate member of our Association have to share their responsibility for contributing their quota for the advancement of the country.

With the introduction of Supervisory Development Course, Management Development Course, Consulting Cell and Publication of Booklet on Drawing, our Association has made a good beginning. The response from Industry is very encouraging. The dissemination of technical know-why to the know-how people is an assigned task and our Association is ahead of other organisations in this respect. The recognition of this fact by the Union Government would provide an impetus for greater effort. In fact, any Association, worth the name, living for sixty years and that for the benefit of the community at large,

deserves recognition. The Association has been successful by its activities, to earn recognition of the people but it is unfortunate that the Union Govt. has yet to come forward to act in favour of this oldest Association of Engineers, founded by Indian Engineers, for Indian Engineers in India. As early as in 1962, there were interpellation in the budget session, in the Parliament. Mr. Humayun Kabir, Education Minister, did not deny granting of recognition but nothing tangible was done. This was followed up, by the Education Secretary (Mr Prem Kripal) in 1964 in a demi-official letter to the secretary of the Association, to pursue all activities, except holding the AMAE examination, as it would affect the AMIE examination. Such comparison seems undesirable and this attitude of the Govt. needs review vis-a-vis Govt. policy for encouraging open University, postal tuition etc. While Universities in India have multiplied in last decade, Govt. has no justification to suggest an embargo on AMAE examination just because AMIE examination is there. India is vast enough to include in its fold AMAE examination notwithstanding other examinations of same standard.

The state Govt. has announced its policy of helping small newspaper. Our journal is small and one of the oldest journal of the state. Can we expect patronage of the State Govt. to enable us to disseminate technological information to distant parts of the globe ?