

Editorial

In the first All-India Engineers' Conference, the question of recognition of professional engineering organisations came up for consideration. Our Constitution does not embody any provision for issue of any "Charter" by Loksabha, like other countries. While licence is issued by corporation and ministries, charter is issued by Loksabha, though the underlying principle is basically same—trading. In a republican union, advocating socialistic pattern of society, it does not behove discriminatory treatment in trading facilities and least in trading in the dissemination of know-why. But our India, though wedded to republican ideal, is yet to realise the implications of discrimination in the matter of professional engineering organisations. Professional engineering organisations, in India, fall under three categories :—1. registered in India as a Society ; 2. registered in India as a Company ; 3. not registered in India as society or a company and the balance sheet of such concern is not submitted to registrar of societies ; neither the income is taxed under the I. T. Act. It is time that an enquiry is instituted in all organisations under the above mentioned three categories and an uniform policy is laid down for healthy growth of professional bodies. The State governments may set up such committee in each state and we may expect Bengal to lead in the matter, for sifting out the professional engineering organisations, according to their respective constitution and encourage development of these organisations for the benefit of the country.
