

EDITORIAL

There is always scope to improve a journal or a periodical and the Journal of the Association of Engineers, India, is no exception to it. With the above objective, the Association has decided to publish articles in the following five categories :

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Technocrats & Bureaucrats :

Technocrats, all over India, are exhibiting anxious concernedness against the bureaucratic control they are subjected to. It is felt that should this have taken place just after Independence, the face of India would have been far better than what it is to-day.

Technocrats are no good in 'Administrative jobs'—this idea seems to have been rooted amongst the so-called people at the top. So far so good. But may we put a very simple and humble question? What is meant by administration of a Steel Plant, Thermal Power Station, Heavy Engineering Concern and the like? Is it similar to what is needed in running a Corporation for the food procurement, a Police Service and the like?

Let's admit for the sake of debate that technocrats are a total failure in administrative jobs and analyze the facts available with us with an open mind.

Most of the countries, developed ones of course, do not hold the same opinion about the technocrats and undoubtedly they are progressing even to-day.

Since Independence so many projects have been handled and in the majority of the cases, the overall charge was with the bureaucrats and net result—most, if not all, are gasping.

"Technocrats are no good for administrative jobs" is a hear say. They have not been tried upon. But what's about the bureaucrats? Could they show something glorious in the works being administered by them to-date—may be it the production unit, distribution unit, law and order unit? Ask the common people at large and look at their reaction.

It is not meant to draw up any conclusion here; on the contrary it is the intention to open up the debate on this important issue.

An apology :

Certain crucial issues are confronting our society to-day. The cost of paper and printing stationeries has increased, the shortage of power is putting every gear out of mesh. On the other hand, the volume of scientific and technical research has increased considerably. There is, thus, tremendous pressure on the scientific and technical journals which within their limited resources are in difficulty to cope up with the situation. All these taken together leads to unavoidable delay in publication.