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Previously we have found [1] the possibility of the mechanism alteration for addition of aminophosphonate $(i\text{PrO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{NHBu}$ and hydroxyphosphonate $(\text{HexO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ to substituted arylisocyanates $\text{XC}_6\text{H}_4\text{NCO}$. The alteration seems to be dependent on the nature of substituents in the isocyanates. We have performed the investigation of MO energy and distribution in the both phosphonates and all isocyanates by AM1 methods using HyperChem molecular modeling program. From results of our calculations of HOMO and LUMO energy and distribution, not charge control but MO control governs that reaction. Introducing electronodoning substituent to aromatic ring of arylisocyanate increases the HOMO density of the nitrogen in NCO group, that makes A_{DE} mechanism possible. However this alteration can be observed only for weak nucleophiles with low-energy HOMO – like hydroxyphosphonates. A possibility of HOMO(isocyanate)-LUMO(phosphonate) interaction has been shown for these compounds.

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