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9.	Republican Party of India (Khobragade)	RPK	Maharashtra
10.	Socialist Unity Centre of India	SUC	West Bengal
11.	Tamil Nadu Congress (K)	TNC	Tamil Nadu
12.	Tripura State Congress for Democracy	TCD	Tripura
13.	Jammu and Kashmir Panthers Party	JPP	Jammu and Kashmir

**Reopening of Bihar Cotton Mills Ltd.,  
Phulwari Sharif**

109. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether due to closure of Bihar Cotton Mills Ltd, Phulwari Sharif, near Patna, since July, 1982, hundreds of workers of the mill are starving ;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action to get this mill reopened ; and

(c) if, so the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI T. ANJIAH) : (a), (b) and (c). According to the information received from the Ministry of Commerce, Department of Textiles, M/s. Bihar Cotton Mills Ltd., Phulwari Sharif, is closed with effect from 20.7.1982 affecting about 750 workers. Government of Bihar have got a status report prepared by the Bihar Industrial and Technical Consultancy organisation, according to which the Unit in its present size does not appear to be viable. Since the management has offered to hand over the Unit to a Workers' Cooperative Society the State Govt. have been advised to explore its possibility.

**Patna Telephone Exchange**

110. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the main exchange of Patna Telephones has become very old and as a result the position of telephones is very poor ;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in replacing this exchange by a new one ; and

(c) the time by which Government propose to replace this exchange ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Only part of the exchange, i.e., 3000 lines out of 6000 lines of main exchange at Patna is old and has outlived its normal life. But it is true that the overall condition of the exchange is poor, having been affected by flood.

(b) It has been decided to replace the entire exchange by imported 10,000 lines electronic digital exchange. Since the import is linked up with establishment of second electronic switching factory, the replacement is delayed ;