

Yuva Sansad, Samwaddaata Sangh, Samastipur, Bihar

In 1999 we had a series of meetings in Bihar on the right to information. Amongst one of our partners in the programme is Yuva Sansad, a youth group working in Samastipur District of North Bihar. Yuva sansad has organised several activities in their area on the right to information and when they were approached by some media persons in their area to have a meeting with local correspondents, we felt it was a good idea. A two-day workshop was held for the group of district level correspondents in Samastipur on.....July, 2000. The workshop was addressed by Shri Prabhash Joshi, senior journalist. Of the two days' discussions, part of the time was devoted to a discussion on the lack of transparency and non-participative nature of the Constitution Review Commission. The participants strongly felt that this was part of the right to information of people that they should be sufficiently informed and included in such an important activity such as the review of the Constitution. The workshop and its deliberations were carried in the local press as well as over the local news channels on All India Radio.