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Top leaders of 13 major parties have submitted a memorandum to the Election Commission of India today demanding an All Party Meeting to discuss the controversial subject of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). These leaders included Prakash Karat, A.B. Bardhan, Chadrababu Naidu, Jayalalithaa, Mulayam Singh Ydava, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Sharad Yadav, Deve Gowda, Ajit Singh among others.

G.V.L. Narasimha Rao, leading political analyst and author of the book on electronic voting machines (EVMs) titled "Democracy at Risk! Can we trust our EVMs?" observed, "The fact that the signatories to the memorandum include political rivals in the poll bound state of Bihar namely, Sharad Yadav of the Janata Dal (United) and Lalu Prasad Yadav of the Rastriya Janata Dal (RJD) points towards an emerging political consensus on the EVM issue. The parties which signed the memorandum include the erstwhile third and fourth fronts and the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) of which Sharad Yadav is the Convenor."

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