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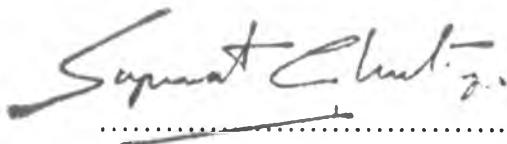
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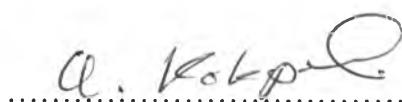
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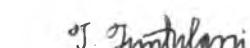
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CoL	Schiff's base cobalt complex
CuL	Schiff's base copper complex
DGEBA	Diglycidyl ether of bisphenol-A
DMA	Dynamic mechanical analysis
DSC	Differential scanning calorimetry
DETA	Diethylenetriamine
MA	Maleic anhydride
ML	Schiff's base metal complex
NiL	Schiff's base nickel complex
phr	part per hundred
T _g	Glass transition temperature
TGA	Thermogravimetric analysis
ZnL	Schiff's base zinc complex