

Red Salute to Comrade A.M.Kodandaraman

Senior Communist Revolutionary leader of Comrade AM Kodandaraman passed away on 25th November 2018 due to cardiac arrest at the age of 84 years.

Born in the year 1934 in Anama Nallur village of Vellore district, Com.AMK completed studies in law and started his career as a lawyer. In early days he was interested in the Dravidian Movement and become an activist of Dravidar Kazhagam led by EVR Periyar. Then he was influenced by Pa.Jeevanantham a prominent leader of Communist movement in Tamil Nadu and joined in the communist movement and continued his career as communist till his death.

He worked as a Trade unionist and lawyer. He refused to represent the cases of landlords, money lenders and casteist organisations. In Chennai AMK along with com. Kuchelar established many unions in various factories Industries around the Chennai city. They were recognised as Red flag Union. AMK developed these unions into vibrant and active unions to fight not only for mere economic demands also as a political movement.

As a member of the communist Party he left CPI and joined CPI(M) in the context of Great Debate. As the ideological struggle continued in the communist movement AMK organised a co-ordination committee within CPI (M) along with Comrades L.Appu, Kovai Easwaran and others .In 1967 after Naxalbari uprising, he along with Com.Appu became members of AICCCR and later a member of CPI(ML). He differed with the Peoples war group on the issues of taking up annihilation of class enemy in the ongoing peasant struggle in Dharmapuri and North Arcot districts.

During 1980 under the leadership and guidelines of AMK landless labourers organised struggle against the Thirupananthal Mutt in Tanjore district and landlords of cashew Gardens in the Ariyalur district. By 1990 AMK having ideological differences with CPI(ML) PWG and started functioning separately as CPI(ML)PWG Bolshevik till his death.

CPI (ML) pays revolutionary homage to the departed leader Comrade A M Kodandaraman.
