

In Solidarity with Workers Strike

In response to the call of AIFTU (New) the workers and peasants were moved into solidarity actions in Bihar, Odisha and other states in support of the All India Workers Strike on 8-9 January 2019.

Bihar

The AIFTU (New) and Bihar General Mazdoor Union jointly took out a procession in Patna on 7th Jan 2019. Nearly 400 people comprising workers, poor peasants and other toiling people coming from different districts of Bihar like Rohtas, Kaimur, Muzaffarpur, West Champaran, Samastipur, Vaishali and Patna marched along the main thoroughfare surrounding Gandhi Maidan. They chanted slogans in support of the demands of workers strike. The demonstration has turned into a mass meeting near Bhagat Singh Chowk, Gandhi Maidan. Com. Arvind Sinha, the General Secretary of AIFTU(N), Com. Ashok Baitha, co-Convenor of Bihar General Mazdoor Union; Com. Azmulla Ansari, leader of Auto Riksha Chalak Union, Sahebganj, Muzaffarpur have addressed the meeting. In addition to them, Com. Satish Kumar of Communist Centre of India, Com. Jayaprakash of Shramik Mukti Sanghatan, Com. Ram Lakhan of Bihar Nirman Asanghatith Shramik Union also spoke. Com. Nand Kishore Singh of Bihar General Mazdoor Union has presided over the meeting. The speakers supported the all India Workers Strike and appealed to the working class to get organized to fight for their class interests. They underlined the need of developing an united struggle of workers, peasants, students-youth, small business-men and other toiling people and advance it to achieve our long cherished goal of new democratic and socialist society.

A leaflet supporting the all India Workers Strike and its demands was also distributed throughout the state. The activists of AIFTU (N) and Bihar General Mazdoor Union actively participated in the strike.

Odisha

The Chasi Mulia Sangha (Odisha) actively participated in solidarity actions in support of the Workers Strike of Jan 8 – 9th of 2019 at various places of the state. A big rally was taken out in Bandhugaon of Koraput district by the Chasi Mulia Adivasi Sangha (affiliated to AIKMKS) under the leadership of Com. Srikant, Secretary, CMS (Odisha), Com. Kondagiri Paidamma and Com. Suryam. The people raised the slogans in support of striking workers. The whole Bandhugaon bazaar came to a stand still for hours.

Rastarok was organised on Jan 8th 9th at Dolasahi and Basudevapur area of Bhadrak district under the leadership of Com. Sushanta Jena of CMS and the women front leader Com. Tunilata Jena. They have actively participated in the picketing at various state Central Govt. offices in Bhadrak district.

Rallies and Rastaroks were organized by the AIKMKS on Jan 8th, 2019 at Polosora, Jagannath Prasad and Dharakot (Jalli) blocks of Ganjam district under the leadership of Com. Nirakar, Convenor of AIKMKS, Ganjam district, Com. Niranjan Sabar, Pabana Sabar, Com. Kuber Dalbehoira. Hundred people, mainly adivasis have participated in each rally.

Rastaroko was organized and led by Com. Mohan Naidu and Com. Chitra Sen in Puri town. Upakulia Jami –o Jangal Suraksha Samithi, Puri led by Com. Batakrishna Swain organized Rastaroko at Gorual Bazar on Puri – Brahmagir National High Way on Jan 8th. It lasted for 8 hours. Banks and Govt. offices were closed for the entire day.

In Bhubaneswar town, Basudev Dash, Com. Jayaram Jena, Com. Sima Sethi and Com. Ramesh along with other workers have picketed and staged dharna at different places on Jan 8th and 9th. The people from basties too joined in this solidarity action.
