

Report from Odisha:

Protest against Illegal Arrest of AIKMKS leader Com. Nirakar Nayak

On November 1st, 2019, the police illegally arrested Com. Nirakar Nayak, the President of Ganjam District Committee of AIKMKS when he was on his way to meet the ADM, Ganjam, Odisha to discuss on the right of people over surplus land. Badagada police have foisted false cases against him. One is a false case foisted against him in 2011, which did not mention the name of Com. Nirakar Nayak in the FIR. Another is a false case foisted against him under IPC 124 and other sections and also under the UAPA.

Com. Nirakar is from a landless poor Dalit family. For the last more than a decade he is active among the adivasis, dalits, landless poor and other toiling people in various blocks of Ganjam district of Odisha. He organized and led the people in various representations to the authorities, democratic protest actions, mass rallies and dharnas on problems of life and livelihood like forest rights, land, house sites, etc. Through a hard and dedicated work under the banner of CPI (ML), AIKMKS he earned the affection and popularity among the poor. In the last Assembly elections, he was the CPI (ML) candidate from Sorada constituency in Ganjam district. The solidarity and support to the people's movement was growing among the democratic forces and lawyers. At this time, the police have resorted to illegal arrest and imprisonment of Com. Nirakar. It is nothing but an attempt to scuttle a democratic movement of people and deprive them from the leadership. Earlier too, he was implicated in false and cooked up cases and had to spend three and half years in jail. He came out on bail from Odisha High Court. Thus the present undemocratic, unjust and repressive action is a part of Govt.'s attack on the democratic rights and movement of the people. This attack, therefore, deserves condemnation by all democratic forces, pro-people and justice loving people.

On November 4, 2019, the AIKMKS Polosara Block Committee of AIKMKS led a delegation to Ganjam Tahsildar and SP protesting against the arrest of Com. Nirakar Nayak and submitted a Memorandum demanding his immediate release and withdrawal of all false cases against him. On the same day, the Chasi Mulia Sangha, Odisha and Upakkulia Jangal 'O' Jami Surkshya Samiti (UJSS) organized a protest rally in Puri town and submitted a Memorandum to the Dy. Collector demanding the Govt. to forthwith withdraw all false cases against Com. Nirakar and release him.

On November 6th, 2019, the Odisha State Committee, CPI (ML) organized a Mass dharna in Bhubaneswar at the Master Canteen Chhak in protest against the illegal arrest of Nirakar, and demanded the withdrawal of all cases and the release of comrade Nirakar. This Mass Dharna was participated by Com. Srikant Mohanty, Com. Basu Dev Dash, Com. Mohan Naidu of CPI (ML), Com. Batakrisna Swain of UJSS, Com. Suresh Panigrahi of CPI (M), Com. Sivaram, Com. Pramila of CPI (ML) RS, Com. Radhakant Seti, Com. Mahendra Parida of CPI (ML) Liberation. Also several leaders of democratic organizations and democratic personages like Narendra Mohanty, Prof. Biren Nayak, Sudhir Patnaik, Lenin, Suryamani Mishra, Ashok Nanda, Samir Sarkar, Md. Kuzoor, Radhakant Barik, Sujata Sahani, Niran Shabar, Jairam Jena, Dasharathi Barik, and many activists have taken part in the Mass Dharna.
