

Revolutionary Tributes to Comrade P.K.Murthy

We came to know of the demise of Com.P.K.Murthy at Puducherry in a hospital on March 22, 2020. Com. P.K.Murthy was 80 years old. For the last two years, he was struggling with cancer and breathed his last as a consequence.

In his early age, Com. P.K.Murthy was influenced by the anti-caste and self – respect movement against Brahmanism led by Periyar. In 1962, he has done Engineering course in Paris. In 1968, Paris was swept by a students' rebellion and Com .Murthy had actively participated in it. In this course, he became a Marxist. He returned to India in 1967 in the wake of revolutionary developments in the Indian politics. He joined the political task of ending the semi-colonial, semi-feudal system and victoriously completing the New Democratic Revolution. He made immense efforts to mobilize the working class into the revolutionary politics. He joined the coal mines in Chhindwara (MP) as a worker and organized the workers in the workers

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. He shouldered the responsibility of all India leader of revolutionary Workers Organisations.

Our relations with Com. Murthy were established in 1989 in the course of united action among the working class organizations. Com. Murthy played an active role in the formation of CPI (ML)- Janashakti in 1992 and later as COC Member of CPI (ML) Janashakti. In the context of Godhra incident, Com. Murthy made efforts with special interest for a protest rally and convention in Ahmedabad. Com. P.K.Murthy's efforts in the unity with the Unity Initiative, COI (ML) and KNR Group are worth nothing. Com. Murthy was one of the organizers of the Asian Social Forum held in Hyderabad in 2003. He was the in charge of South India chapter of WSF. He was in one in the organizing groups of WSF held in Mumbai. He carried on the message of "another world is possible" as the representative of WSF held in France. The French Govt. had honored Com. Murthy with an Award. The CC of CPI (ML) when Com. Kanu Sanyal was its General Secretary considered the acceptance of this award as wrong and reprimanded Com. P.K.Murthy for it. Henceforth, Com. Murthy could not attend the CC meetings. Possibly, he was hurt. He was not available even for a phone contact. In 2009, he met all the comrades who were then available in Hyderabad. He was happy. Again, he came into touch over phone after he was affected by cancer. We saw Com. Murthy in July 2019 at Puducherry. Even in that situation, his friendliness and affection were quite evident in his face. He enquired about our CCMs each by their names. Current politics and the problems of unity of revolutionary movement came in our talk.

Com. P.K.Murthy was committed to Marxism Leninism Mao's Thought. He was strongly opposed to left adventurism. He integrated among the toiling people. He had built up and led the organizations and struggles of toiling people. He was loving comrades excessively and was also getting angry when he felt things were not well. I came to know some new things about Com. Murthy from "A Book of Com.Murthy's life" written by Com.B.Pradip.

At the same time his nature of agitation and frankness are worth emulating. We have reproduced Com. Murthy's article, "Marxism is invincible" in the volumes published by the TN Memorial Trust. Com. Murthy who had unflinching faith in Marxism could not be consistent in organizational methods and in abiding to Democratic Centralism. This was Com. Murthy's limitation. Had he overcome this limitation, his energies and talents and his hard working nature would have helped a lot in the building of a correct revolutionary party. The positive and negative experiences from Com.Murthy are useful for us. The Central Committee of CPI (ML) pays tributes to Com.P.K.Murthy. Com.Murth's demise is a serious loss to the Communist Revolutionaries.

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