

Memorial Meeting of Comrade Kunni Tudu

Comrade Kunnu (Soren) Tudu (1-11-1959 to 6-11-2020) is a popular leader and activist in Debra-Gopiballabhpur peasant revolutionary movement. She had borne in a tribal village Kharikasol in Jhargram district in an extremely poor peasant family. Her father's name was Late Kalicharan Soren and mother's name was late Yamuna Soren. She was brought up along with her three elder brothers and one elderly sister. She hardly managed to go to primary school for some years. All her family members were daily wage agricultural laborers. She also became a daily wage agricultural labor at the age of 10 years. At that time she was getting half wage, means 1 sher (less than 1Kg) or 1Re, sometime 1. 25 Re to 1.50 Re. Misbehavior towards laborers was a general phenomenon in this area. The compulsion of life forced her to work but with full of anger & hate.

When in 1967, when Naxalbari movement came up, some began work in 1968 in Gopiballabhpur block area of Jhargram subdivision with an aim to organize the masses of adivasi people. But after formation of CPI(ML) in 1969, the party activities started fullfledgedly under the leadership of Comrade Santosh Rana and Comrade Ashim Chatterjee. In this period Com. Kunni Tudu came in touch with Com Santosh Rana & Comrade Lebachand Tudu. Com. Lebachand at that time was a mass leader of peasant revolutionary movement in Debra-Gopiballabhpur area and the adjacent areas of Orissa and Bihar (now in Jharkhand). Com. Lebachand Tudu's name was always taken along with Com. Santosh Rana. There are so many stories of Lebachand & Santosh Rana in the villages of Debra-Gopiballabhpur area. Lebachand & Com. Kunnu took active part in several action programs in that period. Later on Com. Lebachand and Com. Kunnu Soren became partners of life on the initiative of Com. Santosh Rana.

In 1970 she was arrested and sent to Midnapore Jail. In 1977, Janta Govt. led by Morarji Desai came to power in Centre. And, in West Bengal, the Left Front Govt. led by Jyoti Basu came to power. Both Central and State Govts. gave the political prisoners status to all arrested comrades of Naxalbari and Debra-Gopiballabhpur. Later on, Com. Kunni Tudu was released from custody together with many other comrades. Now they revived the work among the people and organized the mass movements.

Com. Lebachand and Com. Kunnu Tudu decided to stay in Lebachand Tudu's native village Bhalukkhulia. But according to Santhal society's customs they were not allowed to do so by their relatives. They erected a hut near by a forest area of Pitbindha village. Since then, the hut of Comrade Leba-Kunni became a centre of movements. Both took active part in bahasa, reservation, development, anti-corruption movements and also in Jharkhand movements. Since long time both are not the members of any CR group. But they continued as sympathizers of Communist Revolutionary Organizations.

She was affected by deadly uterus cancer and was undergoing the treatment for it sincere the last about 10 years. But the long & continuous treatment was not possible. At last she couldn't survive. She took her last breath on 6th November 2020. Both have no child.

On 9th January 2021, a condolence meeting remembering Com. Kunni Tudu was organized by local activists of Debra - Gopi ballabhpur movements at Pitbindha primary school. The meeting was presided by Com. Sobhan Pal. All the comrades who were present there garlanded Comrade Kunni Tudu's photo in the beginning of the meeting and observed one minute silence in homage to Comrade Kunni Tudu. Comrades remembered so many historic events of the heroic struggle and all of them expressed their concern at the continuing divisions in the CRM. The comrades also expressed strong urge for unification of CROs & all of them have extended their support and solidarity to the ongoing peasant movement. One Comrade Shibcharan Hembram told that she was always with the CRs during the Struggle and never feared. A revolutionary will never die. She is still live among us and continue to organize the people here. What a wonderful organizer she is?

In this Condolence meeting Comrade Meghnad, Lebachand Tudu, Mohan Soren, Shyam Charan Hembram, Pintu De, Naru Sahu, Lakhani Tudu, Bidyut Sahu, Bani da, Tapan Mukherjee, Shambhu Mahato and some Democrats were also present and paid homage to Com. Kunni Tudu.

Red salute to Comrade Kunnu Tudu.

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