

Red Salute to Comrade Koushik Banerjee!



On November 1, 2022 around 3-45 pm Comrade Koushik Banerjee breathed his last. He was born the village Gobindapur near Baruipur of erstwhile 24 Parganas. Comrade Koushik Banerjee like many of the youths of time got attracted to communism by the Food Movement of 1965-66. While in his school days he was part of the revolutionary cultural organisation of that area.

As a student leader of Surendranath College of Calcutta he supported the Great Naxalbari Peasant Uprising and well known as a public speaker. He was a member of the Bardhaman District Committee of the undivided CPI(ML) after he left study for working among the peasantry. Later he took active part in the efforts for unity of the Communist Revolutionaries. In that process he was in the central leadership of the EIZC; CPI(ML)-UNITY COMMITTEE, CPI(ML); PCC-CPI(ML); CPI(ML)-ND and CPI(ML)-JANASHAKTI. He acted to build up link with the foreign communist parties and movements. He was instrumental in arranging an International Seminar in Hyderabad where parties and organisations of from Russia, Germany, Belgium, Argentina, Congo, Kurdistan, Nepal and Bangladesh along with almost all the communist revolutionary organisations of India participated and reacted for three days. He also was main person who helped organisation of public meetings against US aggression on Iraq where representatives of workers from the USA, Bangladesh and IRAQI RESISTANCE were speakers along with democratic persons of India.

He suddenly left the movement and took writing poems as his task. He was a good poet and singer. But had a cerebral attack and semi-paralysed for a long time. Finally he died at his residence at Dankuni on 1st November, 2022. We pay our tributes and red salutes to Comrade Koushik Banerjee.