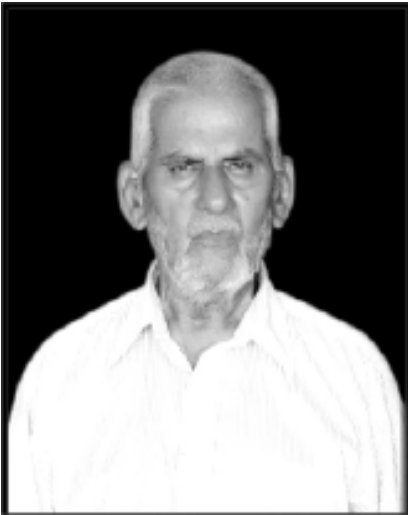


# Tribute to CPI (ML) Senior Comrade Shaik Madar



CPI (ML) Senior Comrade Shaik Madar breathed his last at the age of 92. Shaik Madar, who passed away at his home in Giripuram, Vijayawada on 16-10-2022, was attracted to the Communist Party in his childhood and actively participated in the activities of the party. After the splits in the joint Communist Party, he joined the Coordination Committee of the Andhra Pradesh Revolutionaries (Communists) formed under the leadership of comrades Tarimela Nagireddy and Devulapalli Venkateswara Rao and from then on, throughout his life, he was a member of the Revolutionary Communist Party, which later evolved into the CPI (ML), and played an active role in the party's activities.

Madar, who worked as a mechanic in private buses, became a mechanic in RTC in 1956 when road transport was nationalized. Since then, he has played an active role in the RTC Trade union movement. Madar understanding is that workers need - not only trade union consciousness but also need class consciousness, along with his senior fellow mechanic Comrade Venkateswara Rao known as 'Pillalamarri' patiently worked to sensitize the workers in class politics. During the All-India Railway Strike in 1974, he supported it when extreme restrictions were imposed on the workers and the railway workers were secretly shifted to other areas to avoid being arrested. He supported the families of the railway workers and worked hard to arrange the necessary assistance for them. He participated in party activities during the emergency time.

He responded in every situation of detention and suppression of the people and actively participated in the activities of protesting and resisting.

Even after falling into old age and losing his hearing, his faith and political commitment to the party never wavered. Comrade Madar was modest and soft-spoken, always smiling. He was very affectionate towards his comrades working in the party.

Till his last breath, he continued his life as an ideal communist revolutionary and representative of the working class with unparalleled commitment and discipline.

The death of Comrade Madar is a great loss to the CPI (ML) party and the mass movement. We pay our tributes and red salutes to Comrade Shaik Madar.