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Com. Sitaram Yechuri, General Secretary, CPI(M), a true friend of the toiling masses and a pragmatist communist leader passes away – AIBPARC recalls his contribution to the movement of Retirees and conveys profound shock at the demise of the leader.

Com. Sitaram Yechuri, one of the most eminent leaders of the left and democratic movement of the country, passed away. He was a highly educated gentleman with super brilliant academic records from his school days to the university. He has been admired by political leaders cutting across the barriers of political faith as one of the most effective Parliamentarians of the country. He could speak fluently in different Indian languages. He was uncompromising to the values of the political faith he represented. He was a relentless fighter to protect the basic values of the Indian constitution.

Yesterday on receiving the news of Com. Yechuri's death, our President, Com. K.V. Acharya made an elaborate post at the whatsapp group of AIBPARC, Karnataka. This was a "spontaneous overflow of powerful emotions" and hence the same text is being reproduced hereunder which may be treated as our homage to Com. Yechuri.

Quote:

Dear Comrades,

**A Tearful Tribute with Deep Gratitude- Lal Salam
to a Great Leader of the Masses Com. Sitaram Yechuri.**

Very respectfully I remember the address of Comrade Yechuri in AIBPARC's first Dharna at Jantar Mantar Delhi in September 2013 after its formation in 2012

When we, Late Comrade S R Sengupta, our then General Secretary, Comrade Suprita Sarkar, then Joint General Secretary and the now our General Secretary and myself met him at his office in Delhi to request him to address our Dharna mentioning about Updation of Pension and other Issues. His immediate and emphatic reaction was

" How Come Your Pension is Frozen on the Day of Your Retirement itself ?"
That gave us lot of comfort that a Leader of his eminence understood the issue of Bank Pensioners so succinctly and his concerned expression on the injustice inflicted on us and the gross discrimination shown to Bank Pensioners.

He readily agreed to address the Dharna. In fact on the day of the Dharna, he had high fever but the Call of Duty to our cause made him to be present at the Dharna and addressed us with passion and emotion and reiterated his shocking surprise at the Pension of the Bank Pensioners being Frozen on the day of their Retirement itself. The same views were expressed by Shri Prakash Javdekar of BJP and Shri Tapan Sen who also addressed the Dharna. Updation of Pension is still waiting for resolution more because of extraneous reasons and very wrong perceptions by the Government, IBA and other negotiating parties. But then it was a great support by those three leaders of different political parties and ideologies in the Dharna organised by a Non political and Independent Apex Organisation of Bank Pensioners and Retirees, AIBPARC which will not rest until Updation of Pension is achieved and all other discriminations thrust on Bank Pensioners and Retirees are removed. It is high time for all the concerned authorities to understand and show the same Wisdom expressed by the various leaders in the Dharna of 2013 including Com. Yechuri.

It has come as a great shock and with a sense of disbelief that such a Humane and Matured Leader like Com. Sitaram Yechuri is no more. With his sad demise we have lost a Great Champion of the Working Class and a Crusader par Excellent. I pray for Peace to His Noble Soul and also pray that his Vision will continue to guide us.

Om Shanti Om,
With Profound Grief,

K V Acharya.
President AIBPARC



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