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For circulation among members of the Governing Council, State Secretaries, Special Invitees, Advisors, Affiliates, Constituents of CBPRO and Members.

Dear Comrade,

Sub: Long live the Pensioners Day to remember with gratitude the late D.S. Nakara who fought for years to bring dignity to the community through the judgement of the SC dated 17.12.1982.

December 17th is celebrated every year as Pensioners' Day in our country since 1983.

It was on this day in 1982 that the Supreme Court delivered a landmark judgement guaranteeing the dignity and decency to the community of Retirees. This is a day not only to remember the late D.S. Nakara for his historical fight for several years but also to take a pledge to fight for the protection of the rights and privileges of the senior citizens who gave away the yester years of their lives to secure a better future not only for the colleagues of the present but also for the country and the society as a whole.

We believe that a quotation from the relevant judgement is sufficient to catch the glorious spirit and significance of the day:

"Pension is neither a bounty, nor a matter of grace depending upon the sweet will of the employer nor an ex- gratia payment. It is a payment for the past services rendered. It is a social welfare measure rendering socio economic justice to those who in the heyday of their life ceaselessly toiled for the employer on an assurance that in their old age they would not be left in the lurch."

Comrades, sometimes silence is more conspicuous than eloquence. Today we shall not talk much but remember with great reverence the significance and the real spirit of the day and take firm resolution to continue the struggle for betterment of the community.

**Long Live Our Unity.
Long Live Our Dignity.**

With best wishes and regards,

Comradely yours,

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