

Direct the election to Pro-people aim, to serve people's genuine interest DEFEAT CONGRESS AT THE POLLS

Joynagar, 6th March :

A mammoth election meeting was held here today at 5 pm. in the historic Raktakha Para Maidan under the auspices of SUCI and presided over by Comrade Debaprosad Sarkar, an important member of the secretariat of South 24 parganas District. The meeting started in a solemn atmosphere with the inaugural song sung by the local DY0 in memory of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the outstanding Marxist thinker of this age, the founder general secretary of SUCI, the guide and teacher and the great departed leader of the proletariat.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's Speech

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, the General Secretary of the SUCI and the main speaker of the meeting spoke about the principle, the programmes and the proposal of the party in the ensuing election. He said that the Lok Sabha poll as well as the poll of the Kerala Assembly only, was going to be held from 16th to 20th March. People of our country never took part in election in such an unprecedented suffocating situation before. The limited democratic rights and civil liberties that were there, had been curtailed by various measures or by amendment of constitution.

Under the circumstances when the election is going to be held in such an unprecedented suffocating situation, it was necessary that all opposition parties would create effective pressure on the Government so that it would be compelled to create a democratic atmosphere even in relative sense, without which even relatively free and fair election would not be possible. Other opposition parties also aired similar views. But surprisingly instead of creating pressure on the government unitedly for fulfilment of these demands, they met the Prime Minister separately. What assurance they got from the Prime Minister is best known to them. But it is to be noticed that immediately after this meeting, these parties engaged all their energies for seat-adjustments only and they projected this electoral adjustment as 'total unity' before the people.

Viewing this phenomenon our party sent the following proposal to all the opposition parties and forces, knowing it very well that among them were both rightist parties as well as the leftist parties and there were basic differences in ideology, outlook and programmes among these parties. But whatever differences there

might be among these parties, our party attempted to unite, on the basis of a principle, all these opposition parties who thought that the Congress had given a burial to democracy. It is known to all that a few days before the announcement of election, 'People's Union for Civil Liberty and Democratic Rights' was formed in Delhi and its branches were extended to the provincial level. Our party along with all others, whether left or right participated in these committees. Some initiatives were also taken by implementing the programmes like the observance of 'Human Rights Day'.

When a unity of all opposition parties and forces developed on the question of the restoration of civil liberties and democratic rights just before the announcement of the election and when all opposition parties were at least verbally advocating that the country, the people and democracy would be plunged into darkness unless the democratic rights and civil liberties were restored, our party took into consideration these statements of these parties and it was stated on 30.1.77. in our proposal that *inter alia*— "The present situation marked by such unprece-

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STILL VIVID IN MEMORY

Immediately after the promulgation of the Emergency, Comrade Shankar Singh, Member, Central Committee, SUCI, and Secretary of the Bihar State Committee SUCI and a renowned mass leader, who possessed a sound health, was arrested. During his detention in the Phulwari Sharif Camp Jail, he suddenly fell ill on January 15, 1976, and bled profusely through nose and mouth for three hours. His blood pressure suddenly rose to 210/120. He returned just from the verge of death at that time, and his health deteriorated since then, time and again, primarily for lack of treatment. Even though he has been released following the announcement to hold the election to the parliament, he is unable to carry on normal activities due to his impaired health.

Many workers and leaders belonging to different parties had been in similar conditions in the jails. What is more, the number of workers and leaders, who died martyr's death in different jails for want of treatment, is not at all negligible. We can never forget, and we shall not, the inhuman torture by the ruling Congress on these brave martyrs on the leaders and workers, including Comrade Shankar Singh, who have come out in broken health due to tortures in jails.

How can we fail to remember our martyr Comrades Ramjatan Singh

and Guhiram Bauri. On December 4, 1975, in the village of Mekatala under Neturia P.S. in Purulia district and within the Bankura Parliamentary Constituency. Comrade Ramjatan Singh, a leading organiser of the SUCI, member of the West Bengal State Committee of the KKMf and Vice-President of the KKMf District Committee, and Comrade Guhiram Bauri, a local teacher, worker of the SUCI and organiser of the district KKMf, died martyrs' death at the hands of the anti-social hired goondas of the Kashipur Raj family, the pillars of the ruling Congress in the locality while they were protecting the harvest of the poor peasants.

We cannot fail to remember the incidents of repeated attacks on Comrade Sahadev Mandal, a leading organiser of the SUCI in the Joynagar Parliamentary Constituency, by the local Congress MLA along with his gang, which took him almost to the verge of death. Comrade Badal and his old parents were also attacked and injured seriously in the same locality and by this same gang.

We cannot forget that the Jotedars throughout the State mounted an all-out assault, in direct or indirect connivance with the police and the administration, to evict poor peasants from their land and rob the harvest which they had sowed with their

own blood; though the plunder could not be resisted in all places where the Jotedars could carry out their heinous plan, the poor peasants, sharecroppers and agricultural labourers, wherever they stood up with organised strength—particularly the brave peasant fighters under the banner of SUCI and West Bengal KKMf in Canning area, Gadmathurapur 4th Sector under Patharpratima P.S. and in Kultali area, of Bharatpur Mauja under Basanti P.S. in the district of 24-Parganas and within the Parliamentary Constituencies of Joynagar and Mathurapur have successfully resisted eviction and protected the harvest even during the Emergency and suffering serious injuries, even bullet injuries at Gadmathurapur.

Particularly mentionable among all the examples set by the Congress Government to safeguard the aggregate interests of the capitalist class, is its naked submission to the jute barons. The jute mill owners have unilaterally locked out 13 mills; they have retrenched some 60 000 jute workers on the plea of rationalisation. Again on a Central Government recommendation to curtail production by 20%, the Government itself has permitted the jute mill owners to retrench another 20-22 thousand workers. Taking into account the

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Make SUCI Candidates Victorious

WEST BENGAL



Ashutosh Banerjee
Bankura

Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee is contesting from the Bankura Parliamentary Constituency in the state of West Bengal. Comrade

Banerjee is a renowned mass leader and a member of the West Bengal State Secretariat as also the West Bengal State Committee of SUCI. He is also a leading member of the All India Working Committee of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and is one of the editors of the Party's Bengali Organ, Ganadabi, and a member of the Editorial Board of the Party's English organ, the Proletarian Era.

Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee is one of the very few revolutionary fighters who devoted themselves under the leadership of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great Proletarian leader, in building up the Socialist Movement in Indian Soil, with a view to establishing SUCI, the correct Marxist-Leninist Party of India. Realising that the real way to solving all the basic problems of the people lies in the qualitative transformation of the capitalist social order and that for this, the need is to build up the real working class party, the deadly weapon for the emancipation of the exploited masses,

Comrade Banerjee submitted his personal life to the cause of party and revolution and has developed as a whole-time organiser of the Party.

Comrade Banerjee's life of uncompromising political struggle began in the pre-independence days when, as a student, he took part in the anti-imperialist independence movement of the country. Ever since then, he has organised and played leading roles in all the left and democratic movements of West Bengal and also in the struggles of the workers, peasants, youths, teachers and other sections of the toiling masses and has undergone imprisonment several times under the DIR, PDA etc.

Through relentless ideological struggle covering all aspects of life Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee has emerged as a tried Marxist theoretician, eloquent orator and an eminent literary genius.

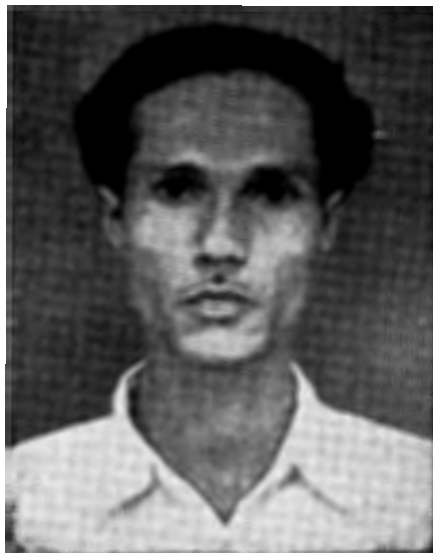


Brajagopal Saha
Birbhum (SC)

Comrade Brajagopal Saha is contesting from the Birbhum (SC) Parliamentary Constituency in the State of West Bengal. He is a renowned political figure throughout the district and an important member of the Birbhum District Committee of SUCI, secretary of Birbhum District Committee of KKMf and is an organiser and secretary of a large number of unions like Suri Municipal Workers' Union, Birbhum Bidi Majdoor Union, Birbhum Clay Mines, Fire Bricks and Potteries Workers' Union, Birbhum Rickshaw Workers' Union, Birbhum Press Workers' Union and the Assistant Secretary of the Birbhum Motor Transport Workers' Union, Birbhum Rice and Oil Mills Labour Union, Rajgaon Stone Quarry Labour Union, elected a Commissioner of the Suri Municipality in 1967 also an important functionary in many other unions and organisations.

Comrade Saha started his political career as a member of KOMSOMOL under the direct guidance of our great departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. He was an important founder member of the DSO. He gradually elevated himself to the stature of party organiser and under the leadership of Comrade Pratibha Mukherjee, leader of the SUCI and KKMf at the Birbhum District played an important role in all the left and democratic movements of Birbhum—the day to day struggles of the agricultural labourers, poor peasants, Bidi Workers, Rickshaw Workers, Municipal Workers, Press Workers etc. etc.

Constantly engaged in the struggle for totally identifying himself with the cause of emancipation of the



Renupada Halder
Mathurapur (SC)

Comrade Halder is a familiar figure in the peasant's movements and all other left and democratic movements in South 24-Parganas. He is a leading member of the South 24-Parganas District Committee of KKMf and also a member of the Secretariat of the South 24-Parganas District Committee of the SUCI. He has been elected to the State Assembly several times since 1957.

While participating in the peasant's movements more than two decades back, Comrade Halder came in touch with the teachings and personality of our departed leader, guide and teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and since then he has played leading roles in organising movements of agricultural labourers, bargadars, poor and middle peasants and has devoted himself to the task of advancing the cause of the common people under the SUCI.

masses and the revolutionary ideology he has devoted himself as a whole time worker and organiser to build up the party forsaking all consideration of personal comfort, convenience and career.

He suffered tortures and harassments by the jotedars, police and the custodian of the vested interest and even by the so-called lefts. Even attempts were made on his life. He was arrested several times and the police implicated him in false cases. For his bloodness and sobriety, for his fighting revolutionary character and eloquence, for his social service he is a familiar figure in the whole of Birbhum district amongst the down-trodden and the middle class people.

He has made it his aim and object to totally identify himself with the cause of the emancipation of the masses and the revolutionary ideology, engaging himself in an uncompromising struggle against exploitation, oppression and all sorts of social injustice, and for this he forsook all consideration of personal comfort, convenience and career.

Time and again he had to suffer torture and harassment from the Jotedars, Police and the custodians of the vested interest. Starting from the share-croppers' eviction movement in the Fifties, during all movements like Food movement under the leadership of the 'Durbhiksha O Drabyamulya Pratirodh Committee', and other democratic movements the Congress Government, many times arrested him and even his wife and child. For his leading role in the mass movement he was arrested even while he was a member of the West Bengal State Assembly.

For his struggling revolutionary life Comrade Halder is a beloved personality among the toiling masses of the District and a trusted leader of theirs.

MAKE SUCI CANDIDATES VICTORIOUS

WEST BENGAL



Samsujjoha Biswas
Murshidabad

Comrade Samsujjoha Biswas is a member of the Murshidabad District Committee of the SUCI. He is also an important member of the Berhampur Bar Association.

Comrade Samsujjoha Biswas came in contact with the SUCI and its great leader guide and teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker and philosopher of the era during the historic food movement of 1966. Since then he has been an organiser of the left and democratic movements of the peasants, workers and the lower middle class people and has devoted himself to the struggle of the toiling masses against injustice and exploitation and to the task of identifying his life with the ideals of people's emancipation. He has also taken part in organising the intellectuals and the middle class office workers of the district. He is familiar as an eloquent speaker and an organiser with unflinching devotion. He has come forward on different occasions as a leading organiser of peasants, workers and agricultural labourers against oppression and injustice. Comrade Biswas is loved by the common people as also by the intelligentsia in the district of Murshidabad.

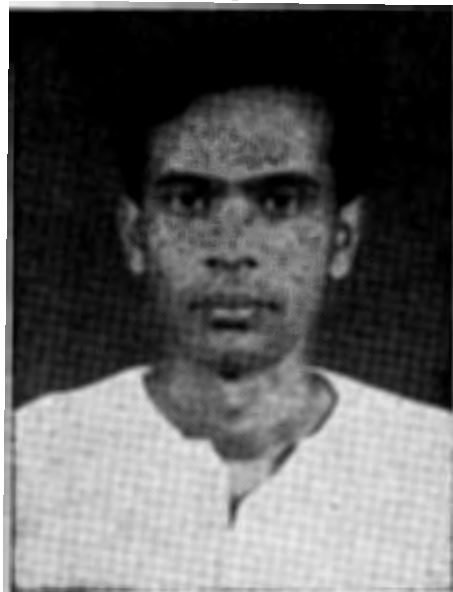


Prabodh Purkait
Joynagar (SC)

Comrade Prabodh Purkait is a member of the 24-Parganas District Committee of the West Bengal State KKMf and is also a member of the 24-Parganas District Secretariat of the SUCI. He is also an important functionary in different unions of industrial workers and office workers.

Comrade Purkait began his active life

as a teacher. Attracted towards the struggle of the workers, peasants and other sections of the common people against injustice and exploitation, he came in contact with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh our departed leader, guide, teacher, and an outstanding Marxist philosopher, thinker and leader of the proletariat of this era. Since then he has devoted himself as a sincere and dedicated worker of the SUCI to the task of organising left and democratic movements under the leadership of the party and has participated in the day to day struggles of the agricultural labourers, bargader, and middle peasants and in all the left and democratic movements in 24-Parganas. More than once he was elected from the Kultali Assembly Constituency. Comrade Purkait is familiar in 24-Parganas as a fighter revolutionary worker and a friend of the toiling masses.



Prof. Jaydeb Mandal
Jalpaiguri

Professor Comrade Jaydeb Mandal is the President of the Jalpaiguri District KKMf and also the President of the Jalpaiguri Agricultural Farm Labourers' Union.

Son of a poor bidi worker, he had to struggle against poverty from his childhood. Even when he was a student at school he had to provide his family working as an agricultural labourer. He came in contact with the DSO as a student, and under the guidance and teachings of our leader, guide and teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, he devoted himself to the task of organising struggles of the students, youths, workers, peasants and other sections of the common people. He was elected to the students union of the North Bengal University. As a professor he has taken parts in the movements of College and University teachers and participated in all the left and democratic movements in the Jalpaiguri district. Through these uncompromising struggles against injustice and exploitation, Comrade Jaydeb Mandal is engaged in the task of identifying himself with the cause of revolution and people's emancipation. While engaged in teaching, he has come forward to organise poor peasants and agricultural labourers in order to protect their interests. Even risking his life he stood by them in 1971. Comrade Mandal is also known among the intelligentsia for his role in cultural movements. He has endeared himself to the common people of Jalpaiguri by his fighting character and devotion to the cause of the people.



Prof. Ashutosh Samanta
Tamluk

Comrade Samanta comes from a very poor peasant family in Tamluk and has had a good academic performance winning a gold medal at the Higher Secondary Examination. While a student he participated in students' movements and has been associated with all the left and democratic movements in the Midnapur district. In his student days he organised movement against the murder of Bhudev Sen a student of the Andrews College, food movement, movement for reforms at the Tamluk Hospital. Recently he played an important role in the SUCI led movements against bus fare rise, for declaring the district as a draught-stricken area, to protect the rights of betel leaf growers etc. It is noteworthy that the anti-bus fare rise movement was partially successful and the betel leaf growers' movement (Kankta Bazar) became successful even during Emergency. He is known for his literary aptitude. He is associated with literary magazines like 'Ananya' 'Nonakuri' etc. and through his book of poems "Paye Chalar Path" he has given expression to the sufferings of the poor and the oppressed. He has taken active parts in the anti-obscenity progressive cultural movements conducted under the leadership of SUCI. He is associated with various social works and is an organiser of people's movements in his district.

BIHAR



Rameswar Upadhyay
Arrah

Comrade Rameswar Upadhyay comes of a very poor family. In the historic Students' Movement that was launched by Chhatra Sangharsh Samity in the year 1974 as a part and parcel of the People's Movement led by Sri Joyprakash Narayan, Rameswar Upadhyay came out as one of the first-ranking leader of that students' movement and performed a very important role in

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 dented negation of civil liberties and democratic rights of the common people by imposition of a spate of restrictive measures and by various other means, calls for, in the interest of the people, the broadest possible unity of all those forces who truly and firmly stand committed to restore, defend and extend these rights with a view to creating a congenial democratic atmosphere in the country.

"In order to present such a united face of all such opposition parties and forces to meet the attacks on the democratic rights, values and the people by the ruling party, it is incumbent not only to have an adjustment of seats for defeating the ruling Congress at the polls but, in order to make this defeat purposeful, to adopt also such programme which would ensure restoration and preservation of civil liberties and democratic rights of the people.

"This necessitates immediate sitting of all such opposition parties and adoption of such programme and also the criteria on the question of allotment of seats that can genuinely reflect the present organisational strength of different parties necessary to ensure defeat to the ruling Congress and also selecting such candidates who are genuinely honest, sincere and dependable defenders of civil liberties and democratic rights of the people, upholding a high standard of democratic values and norms".

The Central Committee of our Party not only appealed to all the opposition parties and forces to sit together on the basis of this proposal for taking a united move but also directed all its State Committees, almost in all the States of our country, to pursue this effort by contacting the leaderships of all the parties and forces in the opposition.

It was the considered opinion of our Party, while offering the concrete proposals for adoption of this minimum principle as the basis of unity, a sound

organisational criteria for seat allotment as also a norm in selecting candidates, that at least the parties and forces who are constituents of the "People's Union For Civil Liberties and Democratic Rights" who are speaking of the urgency of the issue, would have no reason whatsoever not to accept this just proposal. For, by acceptance of this proposal, not only the unity already made possible on this paramount issue would be sustained but it would be cemented and further extended on the basis of sound principle in the objective test of an electoral battle against the ruling party, in order to combine all sections of the toiling people against their enemy number one. This definitely provides a concrete direction to the people and strengthen their struggle for the restoration, preservation and further extension of their fundamental and democratic rights and civil liberties.

Guided by the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great proletarian leader we proposed that the parties and forces in the opposition who are speaking for restoration of fundamental and democratic rights and civil liberties, should sit together to forge the broadest possible unity on this important question. If they really mean what they are saying, then they should feel no hesitation to publicly commit themselves to the people by written pledge that whether they are voted to power or remain in the opposition, their first charge will be, if it is not possible to annul at the first instance all the anti-people and anti-democratic acts and measures that the Congress Party has adopted in its uninterrupted thirty years' rule at the Centre, at least to wipe out by one stroke all the anti-people and anti-democratic legislations and measures the party in power has taken during this period of nineteen months' Emergency. Not only this, appropriate measures are to be taken for the preservation and

further extension of these rights and liberties of the people.

Further, in order to provide a real guarantee for the protection of these rights and liberties, the parties and forces in the opposition would have also to commit publicly that they would not only subject themselves to the vigilance and counsels of the People's Committees but themselves would take active part in creating and developing these Committees down to the village level as 'watch-dog bodies' in order to educate the people with democratic norms, sense of values and morality as also to mobilise them in the concrete shape of these 'people's own bodies'.

But our proposal, however based on correct principle, was cold-shouldered by all the opposition parties including those who claim themselves to be 'Marxist-Leninists'. They even did not say a single word as to the merit or demerit, if any, of our proposal. Rather, every effort was made to shut it out completely from public knowledge and consideration. It is, therefore, one thing to talk of principles from public platform, but is altogether a different thing to put that principle into practice. Political morality demands consistency between the two.

Their unscrupulous behaviour is providing scope, even to the Congress which is completely devoid of any scruple, to point out that the unity of the opposition is not on the basis of any principle.

Our party views that like all other political struggles, election is also a political battle and the people will have to participate in this election with a definite political outlook. Our party feels that in order to defeat the Congress the people should be provided with a definite political direction for which, it is necessary to put forward an alternative politics which will reflect the real interest, the hopes and aspiration of the people and which will meet the

need of the hour.

With a little bit of careful observation it will be crystal-clear to the people that all parties, whether left or right, have entered the election-fray with heaps of promises. The only exception is the SUCI, because it is known to the SUCI as a Marxist-Leninist party, as a revolutionary party of the proletariat, that it is never possible to solve the basic problems in the life of the people only by changing the ministry through election, keeping intact the capitalist system and so, while conducting election battle it is the duty of a real revolutionary party to make the people conscious about it. Those who fail to discharge this duty and shower heaps of promises instead, help in increasing the present parliamentary illusion instead of creating revolutionary consciousness among the masses. So our party is stepping forward with the historic responsibility of conducting the election battle not on the basis of promises but on the basis of correct base political line.

In order to conduct the election battle at the present time as complementary to the political line of the anti-capitalist socialist revolution what is most vital at this moment is the restoration, preservation and extension of the civil liberties and fundamental and democratic rights of the people.

The period that began since the end of June 1975, would ever remain marked in the history of our country as a period when unprecedented reign of terror engulfed the whole of the country. At that time when the leaderships of most of the parties claiming Marxist-Leninists and leftists, even did not hesitate to lend support, either directly or indirectly, privately or publicly to the Prime Minister's contention behind the promulgation of Emergency and her 20-point programme, it was Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, one of the outstanding Marxist-Leninist thinkers

of the era, who gave a thorough exposure to the motive underlying the promulgation of Emergency and the real purpose behind the various social democratic aims and objectives including the 20-point programme.

Further the valuable and scientific analysis and teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, on the problems, the mass movements in our country were facing, on many occasions in the past—were presented through our organs and different publication. Comrade Ghosh further taught that the bourgeoisie in the present era, with the sole object of concentrating and centralising absolute fascistic power in their hands would engage themselves in destroying democracy and democratic norms and values in the society, in bringing about suitable amendments of their constitution to meet their desired end. Later events including the 42nd amendments and other various steps taken during this period confirmed what Comrade Ghosh observed much earlier and cautioned the people.

Furthermore, on many occasions Comrade Ghosh observed that the so-called programme of agrarian reform raised by the bourgeoisie and even supported by the parties claiming Marxist-Leninists and leftists were nothing but palliative measures aimed at providing the crisis-ridden capitalist agrarian economy with temporary respite.

All these teachings of Comrade Ghosh, were at that time, presented through various publications.

Comrade Ghosh taught that, he is the real revolutionary who knows how even in the midst of most adverse situation with unique revolutionary style of work, inspiration and dedication can serve the cause of revolution and thereby transform even a most disadvantageous situation into an advantageous one and forward

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BIMAR

Rameswar Upadhyay

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organising the students in different parts of the state in favour of the movement. While taking part in the movement, he came in contact with the local leaders of the SUCI and through them became acquainted with the thoughts and ideas of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the Proletariat, the eminent Marxist philosopher and thinker of the era and the founder General Secretary of SUCI.

In the year 1974, he was arrested under MISA in connection with Bihar movement. After a pretty long time he was released. Being released he started organising the students community throughout the state. But after a few months, in the year 1975, arrest warrant was again issued against him. And while he was organising the students staying underground he was again arrested under MISA in December '75. Since then he was put into jail custody and was released very recently much after the declaration of the election.

He became the joint Secretary of the Bihar State Committee and a member of the All India Council of AIDS. Now he is a member of Arrah district Committee of SUCI.



Prof. N. R. Singh
Muzaffarpur

Prof. Comrade Nalini Ranjan Singh, more known as Prof. N. R. Singh—a member of the Bihar State Committee, SUCI, started his political life as a militant left-minded student leader and organiser, in all the anti-Congress mass movements in Bihar since mid-fifties.

During the period of his studies abroad he came in close contact with different Communist Wings there and became closely connected with Indian Students' Wing of CPGB. On return, he was, for a short time, a member first of CPI, then of CPI(M). Soon the character of these parties were revealed to him as he came in contact with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an eminent Marxist thinker and philosopher of the era, the great Proletarian leader and the founder General Secretary of the Socialist Unity Centre of India. Imbued with the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh, N. R. Singh joined SUCI. Under the leadership of the Party he undertook the task of organising the poor peasants and agricultural workers against the jotedars in the very district of Muzaffarpur, a traditional stronghold of jotedars and feudal lords, and took a leading role in setting up Krishak Khet

Mazdoor Federation in the district. A professor in Bihar University, he started organising the students, youths and teachers of the district and Bihar, as well.

He took a leading role in the movement launched by the Bihar Jan Sangharsh Samiti. He was arrested a number of times. Even during Emergency, warrants of arrest were issued against him but he went underground and continued to conduct the movement. The Government was so vindictive against him that, failing to arrest him, they attached all his movable properties, even the food grains for his family's daily sustenance.

He attended in 1969, the 7th Congress of WFTU held in Budapest, Hungary, as a delegate of UTUC (Lenin Sarani), as a leading member of its All India Working Committee at the invitation of WFTU. He is a leading member of the College and University Teachers' Association of Bihar.



Durga Das
Jamshedpur Constituency,

Comrade Durga Das is a renowned mass leader, a member of the Bihar State Committee and the Secretary of the Dhalbhum District Committee, SUCI. He is

the "Mukhya" of Dhalbhumgarh Gram Panchayat, General Secretary of Dhalbhum Gravel Khadan Mazdoor Union.

Comrade Das through his relentless struggle has reached the stature of a revolutionary organiser following the teachings of our great departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade Das started his fighting political life organising the workers of "Reclamation and Construction" under Hirkund Dam Project and led a historic strike in the year 1952-53, and for that he was sacked from the service and victimised.

His whole life is a life of relentless battles against injustice and oppression. All through he has upheld the cause of the down-trodden people in all their day to day struggles as well as in the democratic movements concerning all aspects of the peoples' interest and cause.

Comrade Das played a leading role in the movement for reorganising the state on linguistic basis in Dhalbhum in 1956, organised trade unions of the mine workers in Dhalbhum, organised Kishan and Khet Mazdoors, poor peasants, and organised students and youths' struggles and always upheld their just cause.

He played an important role in defence of the minority community during the communal disturbance in 1964.

In 1966 he organised and played a leading role in the Bihar Bandh movement and underwent imprisonment.

His leading role in the historic food movement of 1967 against the anti-people food policy of the "CPI-Janasanghi" Milizuli Government earned him arrest and imprisonment.

In 1971 he played a distinct role in the "Bihar Bundh" movement and the movement of, 74-'75 in Bihar under the leadership of Sri Jai Prakash Narayan.

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the cause of the basic interests of the people.

No adverse situation, not even the serious onslaughts and heavy attacks, even not the loss of precious lives of Comrades could restrain the real revolutionaries from pursuing their revolutionary objective and ideal when all other left parties claiming themselves Marxist-Leninists deserted the arena of political activities out of fear and apprehension.

The price that had to be paid was indeed high. Starting from Comrade Shankar Singh, member of the Central Committee of the SUCI, one of the top-most leaders of our party, a large number of our party cadres were arrested

in Bihar, Orissa, Assam, West Bengal, Haryana and Kerala. The warrant of arrests' list, included the Secretary of our Orissa State Committee and other leading committee members, was also heavy.

History has taught us the great lesson, that in any country, the fighting people is the best judge and they have already seen the role played by our party vis-a-vis the other so-called left parties. We are confident that the people would never fail to ascertain, who have discharged the responsibility of a real revolutionary during this entire period, and would never fail to grasp the unprincipled opportunist role of these parties and their pseudo-revolutionary character and aversion to struggle and

who at the most crucial moment deserted the people and even at this critical moment which one is taking the right path.

At present, when our Party is not only projecting the correct ideological leadership guided by the teachings of our beloved leader, guide and teacher, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, in the national and international sphere—and he himself had developed the party organisation in twelve of the States in India—we could have contested in at least one hundred seats in these twelve States; but we have limited our fight to eighteen parliamentary constituencies in seven States only and to four assembly constituencies in Kerala. But have the

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Shiwanti Kerketta
Sundargarh (ST)

Comrade Siwanti Kerketta has emerged as a renowned Adivasi woman leader of an outstanding stature. Under the leadership of SUCI, participating in very many movements of the worker, poor peasants, agricultural workers, contract labourers she earned the post of the Vice President of the Rourkella Engineering Workers' Union and Sundargarh District Krishak Majuria Sangh and a prominent member of the Sundargarh District Committee SUCI.

Comrade Siwanti from an ordinary worker of the Prabhat Iron Foundry in the Rourkella Industrial Estate, devoted herself to the cause of emancipation of the down-trodden people, being imbued by the teachings and thoughts of our great departed leader Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. She played a very important role in the historic five month long workers' strike at the Prabhat Iron Foundry where two workers died the death of martyrs, at police firing and many were wounded and even women workers molested. She also took a leading part in movements of the Orissa Fertiliser Company. She has been repeatedly harassed under false charges and was ultimately retrenched from service due to her active and leading role in the aforesaid movements.

Comrade Siwanti is a familiar figure in the Rourkella-Rajgangpur Industrial area and she is renowned for her social service, boldness of character with sobriety and as eloquent speaker in her mother tongue as well as in Hindi.



Baishnab Jena
Jajpur (SC)

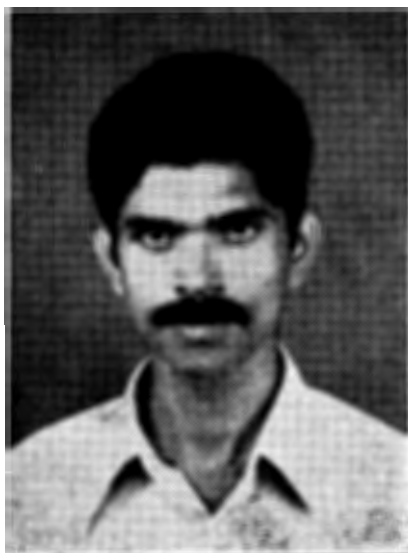
Coming from a poor peasant family, Comrade Baishnab Jena had, to struggle hard against poverty from his very child-

hood. Starting from organising the students of the Jajpur N.C. College on various demands Comrade Jena organised numerous students' meeting, conferences, processions etc. under the leadership of the AIDSIO in the flood and draught stricken areas of Orissa. He played a leading role in the All India Students' Conference held under the banner of AIDSIO at Cuttack in 1974 and was elected a member of the Orissa State Council of AIDSIO.

Comrade Jena organised the poor peasants, middle peasants, agricultural workers, and masses and other sections of the toiling rural masses of the Jajpur District under the banner of the "Krishak & Khet Majooria Sangha".

He played an important role in organising the historic processions at Bhubaneswar in 1972 and at Cuttack in 1974 of the poor peasants and agricultural labourers. In the mass movement organised in Orissa at the call of Joyprakash Narayan under the leadership of Nabakrushna Chowdhury, Comrade Jena played a leading role as the local organiser of the SUCI in the Sangharsh Samiti.

KERALA



James Joseph
Quilon

Comrade James Joseph with his undaunted struggling spirit, even while he was a student, came forward as one of the organisers of the historic All Kerala Engineering Students' movement in 1968. He organised students in support of the Engineers' movement of that year. Later, bearing the pangs of people's sufferings he organised a strike of the Contractors' Labourers. Comrade Joseph has all along played a leading role in the left and democratic movements in Kerala on food, price rise, education and culture. And being acquainted with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the Great Proletarian Leader and eminent Marxist thinker of the era, he engaged himself in the struggle for identifying himself with the party and revolution, covering all aspects of life, guided by the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. On several occasions in the past and during the Emergency, he was arrested and harassed by the police. In the process of struggle, Comrade Joseph has emerged as a dedicated organiser and trusted leader of the people and he is now the Secretary of the Kerala State Organising Committee of the SUCI.

ASSAM



Prof. Radhakanta Tanti
Karimgunge (SC)

Coming from a Karimgunge poor worker's family in the tea-gardens of Cachar District, Assam, Comrade Radhakanta Tanti started to participate in the struggles of the tea-garden workers against oppression and exploitation from a very young age. Comrade Tanti organised the "All Assam Cha Sramik Janajati Chhatra Sanstha" and through militant

movements forced the Government to open Government student hostels for the students coming from tea-garden workers' families in the different towns. He is also the Organising Secretary of the "Cachar Krishak Union", Assistant Secretary of the "Surma Valley Cha Sramik Union" an active member of the "East Zone Regional Provident Fund, Commission", Secretary of the Cachar District Committee of UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and President of the Makunda Workers' Union affiliated to the UTUC (Lenin Sarani).

While organising the working class struggles he became acquainted with the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and joined the SUCI. A Professor at the Ramkrishnanagar College, Comrade Tanti played an important role in the College teacher's movement.

U.P.



Prabhat Khatooniar
Mangaldai

Comrade Prabhat Khatooniar started his life of struggle against injustice and religious bigotry from the very boyhood. He participated in the independence movement and was gradually attracted towards left movement. He first took to teaching in College and School, but later turned to journalism and from 1965 he has been actively associated with the working class movement in Assam. Comrade Prabhat Khatconiar is the Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the UTUC (Lenin Sarani) and is connected with a number of Unions and is the President of some. He has been a leading organiser of the left and democratic movements in Assam. He was imprisoned for his participation in the historic All Railway Strike of 1974.



Sripal Dubey
Machhalisahar

A young fighter against oppression and injustice who always upholds the cause of the oppressed and down-trodden people especially of the Jaunpur district of UP Comrade Dubey during the last mass movement launched by the Jan Sangharsh Samiti under the leadership of Sri Joyprakash Narayan came in contact with the teachings and thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, our great departed leader and decided his course of life. From then on he is actively engaged in the left and democratic movements. He is a popular advocate in the district of Jaunpur and is an eloquent speaker, a bold but modest personality.

MAKE SUCI CANDIDATES VICTORIOUS

HARYANA



Balwant Singh
Rohtak

Comrade Balwant Singh is one who has borne the pangs of people's sufferings all through his life, has taken most active parts in the struggles against British Imperialists and after Independence, in the struggles of the poor peasants and agricultural labourers and other sections of the toiling masses. In the process he has emerged as a dedicated organiser among the people championing their cause and leading their struggles. Very recently Government failing to arrest him arrested his son and even took his belongings including domestic cattles to police custody and later arrested under the DIR. He is one of the leading members of the Haryana State Committee of the SUCI, is the President of the Krishak and Khet Majdoor Federation of Haryana.



Satyawan
Mohindargarh

Comrade Satyawan is the SUCI candidate from the Mohindargarh Parliamentary Constituency in Haryana. This young teacher has been actively engaged in the Democratic Teacher's Forum of Haryana for the last several years and has been championing the cause of education, teachers and the toiling masses. Recently, during the sterilisation drive of the Government when people were repeatedly intimidated and threatened, Comrade Satyawan stood by the people and he was victimised for espousing people's cause and safeguarding the interests of teachers against threats and intimidations. He has been consistently playing an important role in organising left democratic movement in the State, and in course, imbued with in the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the eminent Marxist thinker of the era, is now engaged in building himself up as an organiser of SUCI.

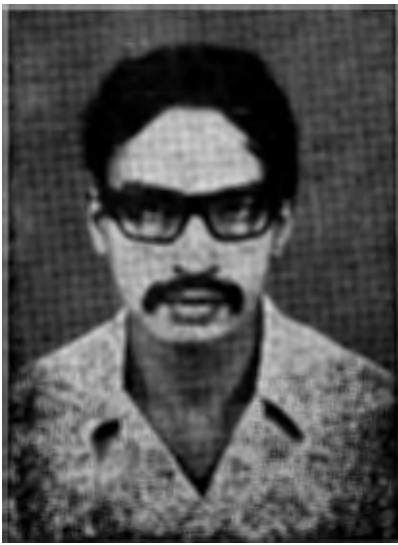


P. Badaruddin

Chhathannoor Assembly Constituency

Comrade Pazhangalam Badaruddin formerly a member of the undivided CPI and the leader of the Youth Federation and the Student Federation, later joined the CPI(M) when he organised the anti-eviction struggle of the peasants. But seeing the bankruptcy and the social democratic character of these parties and when he first came in touch with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, an outstanding Marxist thinker and philosopher of this era, Comrade Badaruddin joined the SUCI and has since been an active member of the SUCI. He is now a member of the Quilon District Organising Committee of the SUCI, is also a Panchayat member of Nedumpore from 1964 onwards. From 1970 onwards, Comrade Badaruddin has been an active member of the Kerala Grandha Sala Sangham. Comrade Badaruddin has taken active parts in the left and democratic movements on food price rise, education and culture and has been several times harassed and arrested by the police.

KERALA ASSEMBLY



M. M. Kemal
Kundara Assembly Constituency

Comrade M. M. Kemal is a consistent fighter for the cause of the toiling masses and he is a dedicated worker in the cultural movement in Kerala. He is a young writer and critic who has the credit of introducing modern French literature to Malayalam. He has translated into English, works of many noted Malayalam writers. He has taken active parts in the left democratic movements on food, price rise, education and culture and has been several times harassed and arrested by the police in the past and also during the Emergency. Imbued with the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great departed Marxist thinker, Comrade Kemal actively engaged himself in every struggles by the real proletarian party and is now the Secretary of the Kundara Local Committee of the SUCI.



V. Natarajan
Eravipuram Assembly Constituency

Comrade V. Natarajan was one of the organisers of the historic All Kerala Engineering Students' movement of 1968. He was one of the organisers of the Jayashree Cashew workers' strike. He has also become the Secretary of the Samredana Film Forum. He himself is a renowned painter. Comrade Natarajan took active part in the left and democratic movements in Kerala on food, price rise, education and culture. On several occasions in the past and during the Emergency he was arrested and harassed by the police. He is now the Secretary of the Quilon District Organising Committee of the SUCI.



Jalaluddin A.
Quilon Assembly Constituency

Comrade Jalaluddin A. has been a resolute fighter all along and in his young age has led democratic movements of the teachers and the toiling masses on many occasions. He was one of the organisers of the Cashew Workers' movement in 1971. He also organised the Engineering Students of Kerala in support of this movement. As the Secretary of the All Kerala Technical Teachers' Association, he has organised and led many struggles of the Technical teachers of Kerala. He has played a leading role in the left democratic movements in Kerala on food, price rise, education and

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Defeat Congress at the Polls

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opposition parties even paused for once to ponder over why we adopted this principle? In this connection I would request the people, the left-minded section and the workers and sympathisers of the left parties to give a serious thought to one point. The Janata Party and the CPI(M) have raised a slogan—one seat, one candidate. If they really mean not to divide the anti-Congress vote, they should have thought whether those, whom the people would vote, whether their anti-Congressism is principled and pro-people or not. As otherwise, if political opportunists turn over anti-Congress overnight and win election availing themselves of the present anti-Congress wave, would it really mean a defeat, on grounds of principles, for the ruling Congress, and would it be possible to make this defeat purposive and pro-people? Or else, the self-same Congress would continue to thrive under a different banner, despite the defeat of the ruling Congress, and continue unrelentingly, its exploitation and oppression of the people? One more serious point is there. The bourgeoisie, when they find that the party representing their class interest has lost, for some reason or other, its popularity among the people, take it up themselves to project before the people, through financial assistance, publicity in the news media etc, one or more parties capable of representing their class-interest as the alternative. They do this to ensure that in case the party in power is dethroned, the bourgeois class-interest is protected by the alternative party stepping into power. Under circumstances of this sort, an apparent difference, even a heaven and hell difference, may, exist in the slogans and vocabularies of these different parties. People are often baffled by their 'left' and pseudo revolutionary slogans. One has to judge, in situations like this,

by the attitude of the monopoly Press and the monopoly Houses to these parties. What do we see now? There are Rightists, as much as there are 'Marxists' among the parties which the bourgeois press is trying to project before the people through publicity (the Janata Party, Congress for Democracy and the CPI(M)—all are there together).

Lastly, it is my earnest appeal to you all to take part in election by judging all these important issues instead of being swayed away by the current. Make the SUCI candidates victorious, the candidates who are tested on the anvil of democratic movements conducted on the basis of higher ethics and morality, so that the path of the liberation movement of the people is paved by synchronising the pro-people democratic movement both within and outside the parliament, by unmasking every actions of the ruling bourgeoisie and thereby making the people conscious and united. At the same time it is to be remembered that the Congress is to be defeated at those constituencies where our party has not put up any candidate and that by judging the question by whom, among the opposition candidates, the movement for restoration, preservation and extension of civil liberties and fundamental and democratic rights can be strengthened, make the anti-Congress opposition parties victorious.

At the outset of the meeting Comrade Debaprasad Sarkar in his presidential address strongly appealed to ensure the victory by a thumping majority of the SUCI candidates, namely Comrade Probodh Purkait from Joynagar (SC) constituency and Comrade Renupada Halder of Mathurapur (SC) constituency.

Sri Dwijendralal Sengupta, former M. P. in his address as the Chief Guest stated that one of the primary objectives of holding only the Lok Sabha election throughout India (except in the state of

Kerala where Assembly election is to be held along with it) under the direction the Prime Minister Smt. Gandhi, is to add further benefit to the party of the rich people and contrarily, to create much trouble for party of the poor people like the SUCI. By citing facts on further accumulation of wealth of the rich people on the one hand and more poverty of the poor people on the other hand during this long regime of Congress, he stated that this Government, although had made no efforts to remove one of the basic problems of the country, namely, the problem of unemployment or borne any responsibility in regard to the supply of essential commodities at fair price to the people, did not however mistake to apply force in "sterilisation drive". He further stated that by imposing Internal Emergency, by 42nd amendment of constitution etc. the ruling Congress by virtue of their suppression of fundamental and democratic rights, individual freedoms and civil liberties have forfeited the moral right of seeking the support of the people and their votes. He appealed to the people to remain vigilant about the defectors and candidates devoid of any principle and to elect only those who are tested persons of democratic movement everywhere in this election.

The Party Central Office has already received news of large number of election meetings from West Bengal and other States. For want of space the details of these meetings could not be published here. Comrades Provash Ghosh and Probodh Purkait, the candidate addressed the mammoth meeting held on 6th March at Canning. Comrades Chhaya Mukherjee, Soumen Bose, Ashutosh Samanta, the candidate of the Tamluk addressed a meeting of a few thousand people at Tamluk on 8th March. In other mammoth gatherings in 7 constituencies of different districts of West Bengal, were addressed by

members of the West Bengal State Committee of the SUCI, like Comrades Sukamal Das Gupta, Ashutosh Banerjee, Ranjit Dhar, Manik Mukherjee, Prativa Mukherjee, Ajit Sen and others. Besides, news of many election meetings from other states are pouring in at the party Central Office daily. In Bihar, Comrades Pritish Chanda, Hiren Sarkar, Amar Kumar Pandey, Chhaya Mukherji and others, besides Prof. N.R. Singh, Durga Pada Das and Rameswar Upadhyay, the candidates in Bihar addressed a number of election meetings. In Mohindargarh and Rohtak Parliamentary Constituencies of Haryana, Comrades Gian Singh Choudhury, Balwant Singh and Satyawan addressed a number of meetings. Comrades Krishna Chakrabarty, James. J. V. Natarajan, Jalaluddin. A. M. Kamal and P. Badruddin of Kerala explained the

party-stand in a number of meetings at Kerala. In the election meetings held in Orissa, Comrades Tapas Datta, the Orissa State Secretary, Comrade B. Jena, the Trade Union Leader, Comrade Siwanti Kerketta and Comrade Baishnab Jena, the two candidates from Orissa addressed a large number of meetings. Comrades Ashit Bhattacharyya, Prabhat Khatooniar, Prof. Kalyan Chowdhury, Prof. Radhakanta Tanti, Ahin Ghosh and others held a number of meetings in Assam. Comrades A. K. Pandey and B. N. Singh besides Comrade Sripal Dubey, the candidate for the Machhalisahar Parliamentary Constituency addressed the meetings in U. P. and explained our party-stand and appealed to the people to make the SUCI candidates victorious so that their just cause and voices are represented in the Parliament.

Still Vivid in Memory

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family members of the workers, some three lakhs of workers, and members of their families have been thrown into immense distress during the period—a fact which can by no means be forgotten.

The ruling party in direct and indirect collaboration with the police and the administration have assaulted and even beaten up our party workers engaged in ideological campaigning and have also demolished their book stalls. The scars of all these are yet to heal up.

Attempts have been made to thus silence the ideological campaigns by our party workers in Kakdwip, Durgapur and other areas in 24 parganas, in Contai P.S. in Midnapur, in Krishnagar, and in Calcutta and the various adjoining municipal areas of 24 Paraganas. But these attempts have been thwarted by our workers with their firm determination and co operation of the local people. Even the ideological campaign by students has not been spared; the DSO workers campaigning in the A. C. college in the Jalpaiguri Town have been attacked by the workes of Chhatra Parishad.

We cannot fail to remember the innumerable incidents of arrests and forcible snatching of books and leaflets not only West

Bengal but also in the States of Bihar, Orissa, Kerala, Assam, Hariyana etc.

With a view to end the misrule and naked atrocity of the Congress, the defender of the aggregate interest of the capitalist class—the party which has butchered democracy and which is responsible for pushing the poor, middle class people to the brink of death by placing the entire burden of the crisis of capitalism on their shoulders—and to free the left and democratic movement from all sorts of opportunism and sectarianism, direct the election battle to restore, protect and extend civil liberties and fundamental and democratic rights.

KERALA ASSEMBLY

Jalaluddin A.

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culture and for this, on several occasions in the past and during the Emergency, he has been harassed and arrested by the police and faced onslaughts by the hired goondas of the management. In organising struggles against the Government and the capitalist class, Comrade Jalaluddin was retrenched from service. But nothing could deviate him from his fight for the cause of people. He is now the Secretary of the Quilon Town Committee of the SUCI.

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