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To all Units, Affiliates, Office Bearers, CC & GC Members

COMRADE SITARAM YECHURY IS NO MORE

Com Sitaram Yechury, one of the tallest leaders of the contemporary left-democratic movement of the country, a revolutionary Marxist ideologue and General Secretary of Communist Party of India (Marxist), passed away this afternoon at AIIMS, New Delhi where he was under treatment for a severe lung infection since 19th of last month. He was 72 years old, left behind his wife, a son and a daughter. His elder son succumbed to Covid-19 in 2021. Mortal remains of Com Yechury will be donated to AIIMS.

Com Sitaram Yechury, throughout, was a brilliant student. He became All India first class first in CBSE Higher Secondary Examination in 1970; secured first class in both his under-graduate and post-graduate degrees in Economics. He joined student movement in Jawaharlal Nehru University in 1974, became a leader of the Student Federation of India and later was elected thrice as President of the JNU Students Union.

Com Sitaram Yechury was arrested during the emergency for political activities. He came the Central Committee member of the CPI (M) in 1985 and became the General Secretary in 2015, a position he continued till date. He played an important role in contemporary Indian politics in opposing the Hindutva ideology of the present dispensation and towards forging a broad unity of the secular opposition parties to save the country.

Com Sitaram Yechury was keen in developing working class movement in the country to advance the struggle for exploitation-free society. He, as an outstanding leader, opposed the policy of liberalization in our country since its adoption in 1991. He was a member of the Rajya Sabha for two terms from 2005 to 2017. Com Yechury was an effective parliamentarian and took part in important debates concerning the working class, peasantry, middle class people and on several socio-economic-political issues. He was given the best parliamentarians award in 2017.

BEFI fondly acknowledges the help and cooperation extended by Com Sitaram Yechury since its formation at different times on many important issues. Com Yechury attended Sixth and Seventh National Conference of BEFI held at Kolkata and Hyderabad respectively in 2003 and 2007. The sudden and untimely demise of Com Yechury, particularly at a crucial moment, is a great loss for the working class and democratic movement of the country.

Bank Employees Federation of India pays respectful homage to Comrade Sitaram Yechury. We express our deepest sympathy to the members of the bereaved family. BEFI dips its banner as a mark of respect.

LONG LIVE COM SITARAM YECHURY
COM SITARAM YECHURY AMAR RAHE

(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)
General Secretary



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