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## **To All Affiliates/Office Bearers/CC/GC Members**

### **COMRADE SANTI BARDHAN IS NO MORE**

Comrade Santi Bardhan, our Bardhan da, doyen of the bank employees movement is no more. He breathed his last this morning at 10 AM at his residence in Hooghly District in West Bengal. He was suffering from illness for quite some time. He was 87 and left behind his two sons and grand children. He lost his wife and only daughter long ago. His eyes was donated today and his body is to be handed over for the cause of medical science tomorrow.

Bardhan da was born on 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 1932 in Tripura. He joined Union Bank of India in 1956 when it was under private sector and superannuated in 1992. Before joining the Bank, he was a Sales Manager in Remington, a renowned Typewriter manufacturing company of yesteryears . Since joining the Bank, Comrade Bardhan associated himself in uniting the employees against management's offensives.

Comrade Bardhan was one of the founders of the All India Union Bank Employees Federation (AIUBEF). He was elected as a Vice President from its 1<sup>st</sup> Conference in 1959. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference held in Mumbai in 1963, Comrade Bardhan was elected General Secretary and continued for 37 long years till its Jamshedpur Conference in 2000 where he was elected as the President of AIUBEF. Later he was elected Adviser and continued in that position till his death. Comrade Bardhan was the first Workman Director in the Board of Directors of Union Bank and nicely performed in that capacity for 13 years, from 1972 to 1985.

He was the President of Bank Employees Federation (West Bengal) from 1993 to 1999. Bardhan da was elected as Vice President of Bank Employees Federation of India from its 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Conference in 1994 and 2007

respectively. He was elected as General Secretary of BEFI from 5<sup>th</sup> Conference in 1999 and continued till 2007. He was an Advisor of BEFI from 2011 till 10<sup>th</sup> Conference at Thiruvananthapuram.

Comrade Bardhan led the bank employees' movement for more than six decades. All along he remained uncompromising in regard to the issues of the employees. He always took all possible initiatives for the advancement of joint movement in the banking industry. Bardhan da played important role during the Bipartite Negotiations with IBA. He was an expert in Disciplinary cases and saved many victimised employees from capital punishment.

Bardhan da lived his life in simplicity. He had the ability of attracting common employees to him. He was a good orator and a man of versatile characteristics. He wrote books on drama and poetry. He was a good sitar player.

Comrade Bardhan believed in Marxist philosophy and associated himself in the struggle for the betterment of the toiling masses. He was a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) till his death. With the demise of Comrade Santi Bardhan the bank employees movement as well as the democratic movement suffered a colossal loss which is very difficult to fill in. We dip our banner in respectful homage to the fond memories of our beloved Bardhan da. We express our deep condolences to the bereaved members of his family.

**LONG LIVE COMRADE SANTI BARDHAN**

**COMRADE SANTI BARDHAN AMAR RAHE**

(Debasish Basu Chaudhury)  
General Secretary.