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To All Affiliates/ State Units (Please Circulate)

VETERAN BANK TRADE UNION LEADER COMRADE SANTI BARDHAN HAS PASSED AWAY

With extreme sorrow and profound grief we are to intimate you that Former General Secretary of Bank Employees Federation of India (BEFI) and doyen of trade union movement of bank employees, Comrade Santi Bardhan *alias* Santida has passed away yesterday.

Having joined Union Bank of India, in the year 1956, Shri Bardhan was one of the founders of All India Union Bank Employees Federation (AIUBEF). He was elected as a Vice President from its 1st Conference in 1959. In the 2nd Conference held in Mumbai in 1963, Comrade Bardhan was elected General Secretary and continued for 37 years till its Jamshedpur Conference in 2000, where he was elected as the President of AIUBEF. Later on, he continued as Advisor of the Federation till his death.

He was the first workmen director in Union Bank's board from 1972 to 1985.

Shri Bardhan was the President of Bank Employees Federation (West Bengal) from 1993 to 1999 and meanwhile was elected as Vice President of Bank Employees Federation of India in 1994. He also held the post of General Secretary of BEFI for about a decade – from 1999 till 2007. In BEFI, he was holding the position of Advisor from 2011 till the recently concluded 10th Conference held at Thiruvananthapuram.

This great leader dedicated his life for more than 6 decades towards the cause of bankers' fraternity. He also upheld the cause of joint movement of workmen and officers in the banking industry under the banner of UFBU. Besides being signatory of various Bipartite Settlements with IBA, he was an expert in Disciplinary cases, a leading Defence Assistant for the bank employees.

He was a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) till his death. He was a good orator and associated with various fields of culture. With the demise of Com. Santi Bardhan the movement of bank employees lost one of its most dedicated soldiers.

As per last wishes, his eyes were donated on yesterday itself and his body has been handed over for the cause of medical science today at Kolkata.

We express our deep condolences to the bereaved family members and dip our banner in respectful homage to the memories of this great leader.

Comrade Santi Bardhan Amar Rahe!

Yours sincerely,

(Soumya Datta)
General Secretary