



SOCIO-ECONOMIC BACKGROUND OF MARTYRS OF MUNAGALA PARAGANA

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In this Topic, an attempt is made to discuss the Socio-economic background of martyrs of Munagala Paragana in the peasant armed struggle.

Sri Uppala Ramaiah, Munagal :

Sri Ramaiah was born in a middle class farming family. He studied up to 5th class. He established Zameen Rytu Sangham in the year 1938 against to Zmindar's exploitation. He signed on the pact of Brahmaiah Award in 1939, Ramaiah was led into the agitating group because of non-implemetation of Brahmaiah Award. Because of the reason, he was arrested and was sent to jail for six months and was sent to Rajamandri Central Jail along with his associates. He was elected in the Krishna District Board Elections in 1940. He contributed for the development of Jaggayapeta Region. He was also elected the presedent of the locally- existing Co operative Union at Jaggayapeta. For his continuous hard work and effort, the governing body of Vijayawada Co operative Bank appointed him as a Director of Central Bank Executive Committee and the Member of Loans Committee. He development of the party. In 1946 he was elected as a president of Zameen Rytu Sangham. He gave ihs assistance to the Party in the struggle against Zamindar of Munagala in 1947. For this the police



arrested Ramaiah near Karivirala in the month of April and kept him a detenu in the Central Jails of Rajamandri and Nelloor. Ramaiah was taken to Jaggayapeta subjail for the enquiry of the cases which were filed in the struggle against the Zamindarin 1947. The conditions prevailing in the prison were miserable, Ramaiah's health was spoiled due to the stress and the disturbance from the prisoners. The Government did not take any care or action as Ramaiah had been suffering from pneumonia fever. The prisoners of the sub jail started agitation and expressed their dissatisfaction against the Government and asked to give proper treatment to him. At last, the Government sent Ramaiah to the Government hospital of Jaggayapeta with chains. Ramaiah, the beloved leader of Munagala died there in 1948 September, 6th. He completed 42 years of his age at the time of his death.

Gattu Gopala Krishanaiah, Kariviral Village :

Sri Gopala Kriashanaiah was born in a middle class family. He studied up to 8th class. This family used to stitch leaf-plates for the meals of the servants of Zamindar and provide meals for the employees, who came to in 1938 against the exploitations of the Zamindar. He made a marvelous effort for the foundation of the Farmers Societies in the villages of Kesavapuram, Karivirala, Ram Chandra Puram, Kodipunjula Gudem and Siripuram. He joined as a member in the Communist Party in 1940. He worked as a Director of Local Co-operative Union, Jaggayapeta for a long time. He was elected to Zameen Rytu Sangham in 1942 and he continued in it till 1946. A Struggle started in 1947 against the Zamindarin which Gopala Krishanaiah organized the Movement secretly. The Congress



Government maintained a rigid policy on the public Movement and on the Communist Party in 1948. Gopala Krishnaiah went into hiding. He continued his activities wandering secretly in the Paragana villages and Telangana villages and made the Party strong. He came to a corn crop in Kothagudem near Karivirala, along with Ramaiah, who was a follower of him. He asked the land lord to bring him a meal. In the meanwhile the Police and the home guards stationed in the Paragana came on raided and surrounded the jowar field and they shot at Gopala Krishnaiah and his follower, Sarvavarapu Ramaiah on 22nd January 1949. In the shoot -out both were killed. At the time of their death they completed 45 years of age.

Sri Yanagali Papaiah, Nelamarri Village :

Yanagali Papaiah was born in a farming family which was very poor. He studied up to V class. He joined in the teaching profession and he got good name. In 1938, he left it and joined in the Farmer Movement. He assembled and strengthened the agricultural labour of Nelamarri and its near by village and started struggle against. "Mukasadars". He joined in the communist Party in 1940. He led the secret life between 1946 and 1948. In this period he contributed and did to the best of his level for the development of Telangana Movement and the Paragana Movement. While he was leading a secret life at Madhavaram village, the Police caught him and shot at him on 12-12-1948. With this he died and was remembered in the heart's of the agricultural labour class.



Sri Mudigonda Veeraiah, Kalakova Village :

Mudigonda Veeraiah was born in an average farming family in 1938. He joined in the Movement against Zamindari System. He participated in the Satyagraha Struggle in 1939 against Zamindar. He went into hiding in 1947, and he was closely associated with the Movement. In 1948 he made an armed struggle in the supervision of Communist Party and activated its rules and regulations. In 1949 he played the main role in attack on Kagita Ramachandra Puram Police camp. In an encounter, the police killed him and at the time of his death he was 35 years old.

Sri Tanduri Janardhanachary Siripuram Village :

Sri Tanduri Janardhanachary was born in a rich family. His main occupation was making gold and silver ornaments. In 1930 his father Sri Ramaiah joined in Zameen Rytu Sangham. As an act of punishment, the Zamindar occupied their land. The sons of Sri Ramaiah, Janardhanachari Sanmukhachari and Jethendrachari joined Rytu Sangham and worked for the ideology. He contested in 1942 Grama Panchayat Elections and in 1946 Assembly Elections and worked for victory. In 1948, Government banned the Communist Party and its activities and then Janardhanachary made a vanishing act from public life. Due to all these activities his health was damaged. In 1950, according to the guidelines of the Party, he went to Vishakapatnam and while taking treatment there, the Police arrested him and kept him in camps of Munagala, Channa Kashavapuram, Nelamarri, and Nayakunigudem and in the last days of 1950 it came into the light that he was killed. By the time of his death he was aged forty. Shanmukachari brother of Janardhanachary,, submitted a



petition to the Prime Minister of India, Central Home Minister, President of India and Governor of Madras that after the arrest of his brother Janardhanachari he had not intimated and he had never known the fate of his brother There was also a Habeas Corpus that his older brother must be produced before Supreme Court. A.N.R. Chary argued the case on be half of the Petitioner. The Petition took a long time for disposal in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ordered the Governments of Hyderabad and Madras to Pay Rs. 500 each to the Petitioner.

Sri Vempati Kanakaiah, Siripuram Village :

Sri Vempati Kanakaiah was born in a middle range farmer's family in Siripura. He made effort along with Velidanda Ranga Rao for the establishment of Zameen's Farmers Society against the exploitation of Zameendar, He was a poet and his language was high flown. As Sri Kanakaiah joined in the Farmers Society, Zamindar occupied his land and also his cattleshed. He did a lot in the struggle against Zameendar in between 1939 and 1947. In the year 1947, as he was coming along with his son who got married just then, the Police effected an arrest and one more of his sons was also taken into custody and they were sent to Central jail as Detenues. He motivated the people to be courageous, at the time when the Government was tyrannical. He played major role for the people in bringing a solution to the problems. The armed forces attached on the police camp in Kagita Ramachandra Puram in 1949 and it made damage. Against this, the police raided on the villages and they had beaten the people which were taken to Ramachandra Puram



unbearable the torture of police, Kanakaiah was dead. At the time of his death his age was 70⁶.

Sri Garlapati Gopaiah, Karivirala Village :

Sri Garlapati Gopaiah was born in the middle class farming family he was active participate in Zameen Farmers Society. He fought for the people and farmers. In this connection he was beaten severly by the police and he was dead in June 1947 at the time he was 30 years old at the time of his death ⁷.

Sri Pasupati Lalaiah and Kagitala Buchaiah Karivirala Village :

These two people were born in poor family. They entered in the Movement against Zamindari at an early age. They actively participated in the Farmers Movements in 1947. In 1948 the Government tortured and troubled his family of Samineni Ramaiah who was a Farmer's Leader, the resident of Jagannadhapuram. The Government had troubled Communist Party and people's Movement. The Zamindar expelled the family of Ramaiah from the society and their agriculture had been stopped. As the cattle boys were not there, the cattle of Ramaiah were being taken to his relatives by Kagitala Buchaiah and Pasupati Lalaiah. They were shot by Congress volunteers at Jakkepally Canal 8.

Sri Vajrapu Ramulu Kokkireni:

Sri Vajrapu Ramulu was from a poor family. He started a small business and helped those who participated in the struggle against Nizam of Telangana in 1946. The Security of Kokkireni Congress Merchants Association sold the goods to the Nizam Police and Rajakars. Ramulu opposed it and as a result, the Congress



Marchants developed a gradge against him. One day whil Ramulu was coming from Konaigudem Congress Marchants informed Rajakars. The Rajakars as well as and Nizam Police captured Vajrapu Ramulu and stabbed him with their knives Sri Vajrapu Ramulu died when he was 30 years old 9.

Sri Poty Ramanandham, Kokkireni Village :

Sri Poty Ramanandham was born in a middle class farmer's family. He continued his education in Abhyudhaya School which was established by Kesavaboina Muttahaiah. He was led into Movement against the Zamindarin 1947. He attended the Communist Party Conferences. In 1947 Communist Party established the Self Protection Forces in villages. Sri Ramandham joined in these forces. He made an energetic efforts to implement the principles of Communist Party, Ramanadham was shot by the Police near Bothalapalem of Khammam taluk¹⁰.

Sri Kollu Badhraiah jaganadhampuram Village :

Sri Kollu Bahdraiah continued his education in Abhyudaya School which was established by Keesaboina Muttaiah. He learnt the basic politics from Sri. Muttaiah. The school which was organized by Muttaiah had been badly his in view of the Government Policy in 1948 at that Movement Sri Badharaiah was a pupil pursuing his studies in that school . One day the Police of Munagala arrested Badhraiah and was taken to Munagala Police Camp. There he was tortured and was asked to give information on Sri Kotaiah and Naadaiah. But Bhadraiah did not unfold the secret about them. The Police Shot at him and killed at the age of 16 years ¹¹.



Sri Seema Guravaiah, Kalukova Village :

Sri Seema Guaravaiah was born in agricultural labour family. He acquired his education and Politics in an adult education school which was organized by Sri Muttaiah. He partook in the struggle against the Zamindar in 1947. Sri Guravaiah went to Kalukova village on the 17th, July 1947 along with his followers to sow seeds in the lands of Tallagadda which were occupied by the Zamindar. After sowing the seeds, he was coming from the lands and he was shot by the Police¹².

Sri Vempati Veera Mallu Jagannadha Puram Village :

Sri Veera mallu was born in an agriculture family. He pushed his education and politics the school of Sri Muttaiah. Veera Mallu led an underground life when the Government raided on the Communist Party in 1948. While he was suffering from fever and was sleeping under a tree at Tumma Pally, he was arrested and was shot dead¹³.

Sri Somireddy Jaggaiah narasimhulagudem, Jaganadhapuram Village :

Sri jaggaiah worked for the armed struggle of the Party and he was dead in the firing of the Union Army, as while it was the Police action Hyderabad¹⁴.

Sri Pasam Gopaiah and Sri Joolakanti Buchaiah Village :

These two great people actively participated in the Movements organized by the Communist Party. They went underground on the implementation of ban on the Communist Party. At that Movement they were arrested by the Police and were tortured to reveal unfold



the Party secrets. But they did not respond to the Police. Finally, they were arrested and were shouted by the police¹⁴.

Sri Sankara Venkaiah, Rama Sundaram Village :

Sri Venkaiah participated in the struggle against the Zamindar in 1947. In 1948 the Government of Congress attacked the Communist Party and the people's Movement. To protect themselves from this attack, the Party organized an Armed Struggle in which Sunkara Venkaiah had also joined and played an important role in the armed forces. He was shot dead in 1940 September when the Union forces raided on the Hyderabad state.

Sri Sunkara Venkatappaiah, Ramasundaram Villege :

Sri Venkatappaiah joined in the armed struggle of Communist Party in 1948. They organized Party activities. They were shot dead by the police near Madhavaram in 1949.

Sri Vangala Meenaiah, Ramasundram Village :

Sri Vangala Meenaiah was born in an agricultural labour family. He joined the Communist Party in 1947. They participated in the struggle against the Zamindar and they did a lot of service for its. They were capture and they were killed by the Rajakars near Gunjaluru in the month of May 1948¹⁶.



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