

## **COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (MAOIST)**

### **Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee**

Press Release: February 13, 2008

### **CPI(Maoist) condoles the demise of renowned social worker & friend of Adivasis Baba Amte**

Our Party's Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee expresses its heart-felt condolences on the demise of renowned social worker, friend of the adivasis and a partisan of the people, Baba Amte. With the death of Baba Amte the people of our country, particularly the adivasi masses of Gadchiroli district, have lost a well-wisher. He being a Gandhian, there are differences in ideology and outlooks between our Party and Baba Amte but insofar as the interests of the adivasis are concerned, Baba Amte had always been an ardent and firm supporter. He had unequivocally opposed the big projects like Icchampalli, Polavaram Narmada etc which lead to massive displacement of adivasis and cause immense damage to the environment. By establishing the organisation known as 'Lok Biradari', Baba Amte had done commendable work in the field of health and other spheres for the welfare of adivasis. In spite of his ideological differences with Naxalism, he considered Naxalism as a political movement that drew its strength from its ideology. He was a critic of the policies of state repression on the adivasis in Gadchiroli. We pay our humble homage to this social worker who had devoted his entire life to the well being of the adivasis and those who had been marginalised. And we convey our heart-felt feelings to his grief stricken family members, friends and colleagues.

Kosa,  
Secretary,  
Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee,  
CPI(Maoist) .

[From: *CPI(Maoist) Information Bulletin*, #4, Sept. 10, 2008.]