

Vijay Mehta

Started trade Union work in early 50s, particularly in the reorganisation of the Railway TU in the wake of the incorporation of Jodhpur Railway into the Indian Railways. Worked in and organised "Gumashta" (shop asstts) union in the early 60s, particularly on the question of work hours. Election of H.K. Vyas as the first MLA of CPI in the Hindi belt in 1951 was of great help in TU work. Railway workers came out in support of nurses and medical staff. Organisation of Auto Rickshaws began in the 60s, as replacement of the horse-driven Tongas. Almost all the 7000 autos in the city in AITUC, with Vijay Mehta as the main organiser - organised according to their stands - fought against contract labour among stone workers - worked actively in joint TU Council - TU Unity a big problem - CITU not cooperating - serious politicization and classes needed.