

P.K. Ganguly, Iron and Steel, President Bihar, AITUC

Date:- 2nd February, 2003

Time:- 9.00 am to 11.30 am

Venue:- Ajoy Bhawan at Langartoli in Patna, Bihar.

Interviewer:- Bobby Poulouse.

Context:- P.K. Ganguly though very senior is really very jovial and a sharp person. He still has his youth spirit and is very energetic for his age. He is one trade unionist who I found was not pessimistic about his role among the workers though there is so much of pessimism nowadays.

P.K. Ganguly began his interview by saying that he was born on 15 August, 1941 in present day Bangladesh. His father he said was a rail employee working as a goods clerk at the Chakulia border of Bihar and Singhbhum district. As regards his family he said they were two brothers and twelve sisters. His father died at an early age on 22nd January 1954. P.K. Ganguly said he studied at Tata School and passed matric from there. After his father's death the family entered into financial crisis. After his matric passing P.K. Ganguly did an apprenticeship from TATA as a heat treater. In 1961 he passed the apprenticeship course. Then he joined TATA company in the Automobile division as a heat treater. In the automobile section they were basically making trucks by treating high carbon through various chemicals and heating. P.K. Ganguly being a heat treater had to work in an area where the temperature was nearly 1400 degrees Fahrenheit.