

G.L. Khare, M.C.D. Workers, Delhi

Khare saheb as he is affectionately called in TU circles was born in 1928 near Jhansi in a nearby village. He couldn't reach matric and by force of circumstances was forced to start work as a railway worker in Jhansi as it was a major rail junction and provided employment to all in those days in that area. After that he worked as a clerk in the transport deptt. in the British army cantonment area from Jhansi which used to send via trucks lot of equipment to Delhi. In that process he came to Delhi during the partition and saw the partition riots. It was really bad. Then he shifted work to Modinagar and there for the first time came in touch with TU leaders and did some little TU activity that was not much. From Modinagar he shifted to Ghaziabad and there he continued his TU work AITUC unions.

Here in Ghaziabad he worked in oil mill workers unions and its leader Jagat Prakash from whom he learnt a lot. Also worked amongst railway workers and joined communist party activities. It was the time of Telengana struggle.

Then he shifted to Delhi as the hosiery workers with whom he worked in Ghaziabad shifted to Delhi when the whole hosiery industry shifted to Delhi. In Delhi worked under one Mr. Chhatrapal's hosiery workers union and in some of the struggle had clashes that were quite violent with police. Then worked with Amir Chand Nanda who was a big TU leader in those days thus working with sock-making workers, Shops & Establishments workers and got the new Shops and Establishment Act implemented. Then worked also with Skin and Hide workers in Delhi.

Finally joined Municipal Workers Union in 1956 at the instance of A.C.Nanda and started work by putting up a TU office desk at the Water Works Emergency office near Chandni Chowk. In 1957 Delhi Corporation was formed. In the Corporation elections in 1957 elections the CPI got 8 of its candidates elected. Then a Federation was formed of many the union in Delhi of which Feroz Gandhi was made the President and lot of issues were raised in the Parliament much to the embarrassment of Nehru. Then mobilized and fought lots of struggles for the Toll Tax workers who had toll booths at Delhi's borders which would collect taxes for the amount of goods brought into Delhi via road transport. Then mobilized the Delhi Fire Service workers who in those had very bad conditions. Then Electricity workers, Horticulture workers and Safai Karamcharies. Finally he worked with the Municipal Corporation workers. And from late 1950s till today Khare saheb has throughout his life till today worked to fight for the rights of the Municipal workers. In fact he is now one of the last remaining leaders of the municipal workers since the freedom movement. He remained a bachelor throughout his life in dedication to his TU work as having a family would have perhaps leave the TU work.