

A V Nachane (General Secretary of the All India Life Insurance Employees Federation)

A **short biographical note** on A V Nachane interviewed on June 18, 2003 in Mumbai by Krishna Jha at the office of LIC Employees Union.

I was born on July 5, 1934 in a Bombay suburb. My father was a gold medalist, successful advocate and editor of his own newspaper. My brother was in Rashtra Sewa Dal of SM Joshi and I used to accompany my brother in Dal activities though too young.

I studied in Bombay and when I was in college I came to know SA Dange, SM Joshi and others who left a deep impression on me.

After graduation, I joined Life Insurance Company in 1955 and joined Sanyukta Maharashtra Movement. It was the first strike I experienced and was deeply influenced by SA Dange. Another person to impress me was Acharya Atre.

In 1955 general strike, trade unions and communists were in fore front. There was "Shoot at Sight" order by the Morarji Government and 100 persons were killed in the process.

By this time second five year plan was taken up and the process of nationalisation was also started. On September 1, 1956, Life Insurance Company came into being merging 257 companies.

In 1956, a decision was taken to call for general strike which was supported by the socialists in the union. SM Joshi had the casting vote. Dange was not in the Action Committee. Government of India took it as a challenge. However a token strike of one day was observed in solidarity of general movement in Bombay. However, the LIC management was in the hands of the IAS officers who insisted on throwing away the union office bearers but could not.

In 1968, a struggle against automation was launched which had already started in 1965. By this time, the Communist party was split and the two groups were criticizing each other. By November 14, there was a split in LIC union too and 75 percent of the workers came with AITUC.

I am the general secretary of the All India LIC Employees Federation. I believe that every trade unionist should struggle against the bourgeoisie and work in a public sector.

A V Nachane (AITUC)

A short transcriptive note on A V Nachane interviewed on June 18, 2003 in Mumbai

A V Nachane was born on July 5, 1934 in a Bombay suburb. His father was a gold medalist, successful advocate and editor of his own newspaper. Nachane's brother was in Rashtra Sewa Dal of SM Joshi and Nachane too used to accompany his brother in Dal activities though too young.

Nachane studied in Bomabay and when he was in college he came to know about SA Dange, SM Joshi and others who had impressed him.

After graduation, he joined Life Insurance Company in 1955 and joined Sanyukta Maharashtra Movement. It was the first strike he experienced and was deeply influenced by SA Dange. Another person to impress him was Achrya Atre.

In 1955 general strike, trade unions and communists were in fore front. There was "Shoot at Sight" order by the Morarji Government and 100 persons were killed in the process.

By this time second five year plan was taken up and the process of nationalisation was also started. On September 1, 1956, Life Insurance Company came into being merging 257 companies.

In 1956, a decision was taken to call for general strike which was supported by the socialists in the union. SM Joshi had the casting vote. Dange was not in the Action Committee. Government of India took it as a challenge. However a token strike of one day was observed in solidarity of general movement in Bombay. However, the LIC management was in the ahnds of the IAS officers who insisted on throwing away the union office bearers but could not.

In 1968, a struggle against automation was launched which had already started in 1965. By this time, the Communist parties were separated and wanted to criticise each other. By November 14, there was a split in LIC union too and 25 percent of the workers came with AITUC.

Nachane is the general secretary of the All India LIC Employees Federation. He believes that every trade unionist should struggle against the bourgeosie and work in a public sector.