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(G. Devarajan, General Secretary of the All India Forward Bloc has issued the following statement on the demise of Com. Sitaram Yechury)

AN IRREPARABLE LOSS TO THE LEFT AND PROGRESSIVE FORCES

The Central Committee of All India Forward Bloc place on record its deep sorrow and heartfelt condolences on the sad and sudden demise of Comrade Sitaram Yechury, General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist).

Comrade Sitaram Yechury was a prominent figure in Indian politics and a significant voice of the left movement. Comrade Sitaram was widely regarded as the foremost leader in today's leftist political movement. His oratorical eloquence, gentle demeanour and easy-going body language were sufficient to attract progressive minds to left-wing politics. His remarkable ability to make positive interventions in challenging national political situations was awe-inspiring.

His leadership and vision as the General Secretary of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) have left an indelible mark on Indian politics. During his tenure, Sitaram Yechury demonstrated unwavering commitment to his ideals and worked tirelessly for the causes he believed in. His contributions to political discourse and public life were significant, and he will be remembered for his dedication and impact.

Yechury's tenure was characterized by his ability to articulate and defend the principles of Marxism in a rapidly evolving political environment. He was instrumental in shaping the policies and strategies of the left, advocating for issues such as workers' rights, social equality, and economic justice. His speeches and writings reflected a deep engagement with both theoretical and practical aspects of leftist ideology, resonating with a broad spectrum of supporters and critics alike.

One of Yechury's most enduring contributions was his commitment to working-class politics. He championed the causes of labourers, farmers, and marginalized communities, consistently pushing for policies that aimed to reduce economic disparities and improve living conditions. His leadership during significant labour strikes and farmer protests highlighted his dedication to grassroots movements and his ability to mobilize support for transformative social changes.

Yechury's role was not limited to the confines of traditional party politics. He actively engaged in dialogue with various social movements and progressive organizations, seeking to build coalitions that could address systemic injustices and promote inclusive development. His efforts were a testament to his belief in the power of collective action and solidarity among diverse social groups. His knowledge about international affairs was not only exceptional but also served as a guide for others

His sudden demise is an irreparable loss not only to the CPI (M) but also to the left and progressive movement of the country. He maintained a very cordial relationship with many leaders of the All India Forward Bloc. The All India Forward Bloc has lost one of its closest comrades due to Sitaram's demise.

The All India Forward Bloc while cherishing the illustrious memories of Comrade Sitaram Yechury pays rich tributes and joins the sorrow of entire the rank and file of CPI (M) and all those who mourn his loss.

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