



## **COM.R.N.GODBOLE NO MORE**

An era of militancy, struggle and sacrifice came to an end when Com.Ravindra Narahari Godbole, the former General Secretary of the All India State Bank Officers' Federation, All India Bank Officers' Confederation and Professional Workers Trade Union Center of India breathed his last at 11.00 a.m. on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at a Private Nursing Home at Bangalore. He battled with Parkinson, which attacked him in the recent past and ultimately succumbed to it. Thus, a golden era in the banking industry, which saw the emergence of the strong trade union roots amongst the supervisory cadre during his leadership lasting for more than three decades, has come to an end. He was popular not only amongst bank trade union circles but all over the trade union fraternity in the Public Sector units which drew an inspiration of his leadership in the Banking Industry and mobilized courage to stand up against the oppressive attitude of the Managements in different sectors of the economy. Thus, he symbolized the struggle amongst the white collared workers all over the country.

**2.** In the middle of 1985, he founded the All India Bank Officers' Confederation in order to consolidate the strength of Officers in all Nationalised Banks and old generation Private Sector Banks. He was the architect of the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Bipartite which brought very substantial improvements in the service conditions of the Bank Officers' in the country.

**3.** He brought a revolutionary outlook for the State Bank Trade Union movement for over two decades of his stewardship as the General Secretary of the Federation. He held the post of the Officer Director in State Bank of India for over one and half-decade defending the interest of the Officers' fraternity in the Bank. His contributions for the strengthening of officers' movement cannot be described in a small note. He was known for his oratory skill, which could convince all his critics as well as admirers.

**4.** We dip our banner on behalf of the thousands and thousands of our comrades from all over the country in honour of the departed soul and pray almighty to grant him eternal peace in his heavenly abode.