

Summary Transcription of Interview

Comrade Anant Lagoo

Founder Member of Communist Party of India in Indore

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Interview shot by cameraman- Mohd. Tasleem Sheikh

Place of Interview-His residence, 162, Mahadeo Nagar, Bengali Chouraha, Indore

Duration of Interview-

Comrade Anant Lagoo is a veteran communist leader in Indore. He came to Indore from Gwalior in 1941, just before communist party was organised in Indore town in 1942. He has been associated with the trade union movement since then. He narrates the formation of Mazdoor Sabha among mill workers - the initial struggles, the success and the failures during 40s and 50s. Comrade Lagoo himself worked in many of the textile mills and got thrown out from everywhere on account of union activities.

Mazdoor Sabha, precursor of AITUC, was set up in Indore town, linked to the Girni Kamgar Union of Bombay, by Lakshman Khandkar, Diwakar, Newaskar and Sarmandal. All of them were members of 'Peoples' Service Group'.

Comrade Lagoo narrates the landmark strike of 1941, when there was Police firing in Ranipura and four workers lost their lives.