

(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission’s directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon’ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY
 *Name of the Election : LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2026, KERALA
 Name of State/ ുഠ: KERALA
 (1) Name of the Constituency – VATTIYOORKAVU-133
 (2) Name of the candidate – Smt R.SREELEKHA

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	72 BNS,2023 23,23(2), 23(4) Protection of Children From Sexual offences Act (Amended) 2012, 2019
	b.	Case no.	Cr 205/2026 of Museum Police Station
	c.	Name of the Court	Judicial First Class Magistrate Court 3, Trivandrum
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NA
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NA
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NA
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere “winnability” at the polls (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a retired Indian Police Service (IPS) Officer and is presently serving as the Councillor of Sasthamangalam Ward. She was the first woman IPS Officer of Kerala and During her tenure in the police service, she consistently discharged her duties with diligence and maintained a strong commitment to public welfare. Even subsequent to her retirement, in her capacity as a public representative, she has continued to demonstrate dedication towards serving the interests of the general public. She is a capable and committed leader possessing commendable qualities.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		The case instituted against her is prima facie politically motivated. The candidate is one of the most accessible members within the party and is known to be receptive to the concerns and grievances of the public. She possesses the highest prospects of electoral success among all the candidates under consideration.

* In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

(PRESIDENT, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-KERALA)
 (Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)