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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 on 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 KERALA, 2026****NAME OF STATE : KERALA****(1) NAME OF THE CONSTITUENCY : NEMOM****(2) NAME OF THE CANDIDATE : RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR**

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1	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences Sections 153 and 153-A of IPC, 1860 read with section 120(o) of the Kerala Police Act, 2011
	b.	Case no. 1) Crime No. 3408 of 2023 of the Ernakulam Central Police Station pending before the Hon'ble Judicial First-Class Magistrate Court-II Ernakulam. 2) Crime No. 3418 of 2023 of the Ernakulam Central Police Station pending before the Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Ernakulam
	c.	Name of the court 1) The Hon'ble Judicial First-Class Magistrate Court-II Ernakulam where Crime No. 3408 of 2023 of the Ernakulam Central Police Station is pending. 2) The Hon'ble Chief Judicial Magistrate Court Ernakulam where Crime No. 3418 of 2023 of the Ernakulam Central Police Station is pending
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (yes/no) No
	e.	Date of conviction, if any No
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any Nil
	g.	Any other information required to be given
2	The reason 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 candidate is serving as the current BJP state President. Apart from his political career he is also an acclaimed businessman. He served as Minister of State in the Government of India for several years and has contributed significantly for India's Tech and Innovation evolution ecosystem. He was also as Minister of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has played a significant role in Youth Entrepreneurship. He is a capable and committed leader and one of the world's leading inventors in Technology, AI, Electronics and semiconductors. He is a globally known investor and Entrepreneur who founded BPL Mobile, which had invested in and built world-class telecom infrastructure

		<p>in the metropolis of Mumbai and the circles of Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Kerala and laid the foundation of the telecom revolution in India. The candidate was one of the youngest national Presidents of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), India's apex industrial body. As the President of FICCI, the candidate was responsible for initiating wide ranging reforms in multiple industry verticals. The candidate has successfully challenged Section 66A of the Information and Technology Act, 2000 as archaic and unconstitutional before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No. 23 of 2013 (<i>Shreya Singhal v Union of India, 2015 (5) SCC</i>). The candidate is involved in the Flags of Honour Foundation which was established as an effort to serve and support families of members of the Military, Paramilitary and the Police Forces of India who have been killed in action. The candidate's appeal before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Civil Appeal No. 4025 of 2014, regarding the right of defense personnel to vote devoid of any restrictions, led to the Hon'ble Apex Court permitting defense personnel to exercise their right of franchise in the last general elections from the locations at which they are posted. He is a capable and committed leader as well as a public figure possessing commendable qualities.</p>
3	<p>Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)</p>	<p>The candidate enjoys the confidence and trust of the party. By virtue of holding the position of the current State President, he possesses a distinct advantage over other prospective candidates in terms of public recognition, popularity, and electoral viability. He has demonstrated a personal commitment to the development of the State and the welfare of its people, as evidenced by his active engagement with students through visits to various schools and colleges, encouraging entrepreneurial initiatives and the establishment of startups within the State of Kerala. The candidate is regarded as one of the most accessible and approachable members of the party, consistently exhibiting a willingness to consider and address the concerns of the public. In view of the foregoing factors, he is assessed to have the highest likelihood of electoral success among all candidates presently under consideration.</p>

*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.

