

(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 of Kerala 2026

Name of State/ UF: KERALA

(1) Name of the Constituency – LAC23 Koyilandy

(2) Name of the candidate – PRAFUL KRISHNAN

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	1. u/s 143,145,147,283,149 IPC 2. u/s 143,147,149,283 IPC 3. u/s 143,147,283,149 IPC 4. u/s 143,147,145,283,324,353,332,259,336 IPC 5. u/s 143,147,145,188,269,149,283,148,324,353,332,269,336 IPC 6. u/s 143,145,147,283,149 IPC, 4(2)A,5 KEDO 7. u/s 143,145,147,148,283,353,332,149 IPC & 3(2)(E) PDPP Act
	b.	Case no.	1. CC 1497/2023      2. CC 1715/2023. 3. ST 617/2023      4. CC 1080/2021 5. CC 188/2020      6. ST 231/2021 7. CC 242/2021
	c.	Name of the Court	1. JFCM III Thiruvananthapuram 2. JFCM III Kozhikode 3. JFCM III Kozhikode 4. JFCM III Thiruvananthapuram 5. JFCM IV Kozhikode 6. JFCM IV Kozhikode 7. JFCM Vatakara
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. Yes                      2. No                      3. Yes 4. Yes                      5. Yes                      6. yes                      7. Yes
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	ST 231/2021 convicted with fine of Rs. 1300 on 3/4/2024 as conceded.
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not applicable
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Nil
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 candidate is serving as the current President of BJP Kozhikode District (North). He served many posts like Sate president of Yuvamorcha, Koyilandy nagar president of ABVP, Kozhikode district convener of ABVP, state joint secretary of ABVP, vice president of Yuvamorcha Kozhikode district, state general secretary of Yuvamorcha. Apart from his political career he is a teacher at SGMSB School, Vatakara. He was contested for the election of Loksabha in 2024 from Vatakara and secured considerable votes. He has volumes of friends and relatives and good communication skill. He is a capable and committed leader possessing commendable qualities to win the election.

3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The candidate enjoys the confidence and trust of the party. By virtue of holding the position of the current Kozhikode District (North) 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 the people. 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.
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\* 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)