

**Format C-7**

*(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 : Kerala Legislative Assembly Election, 2026  
Name of State/ ുട: KERALA  
(1) Name of the Constituency – Kanhangad No.4  
(2) Name of the candidate – M Balaraj

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	1) Procession without permission during covid epidemic. 2) Unlawful assembly and promoting enmity between different groups.
	b.	Case no.	1) CC NO 43521 2) CC NO 200/22
	c.	Name of the Court	Judicial First Class Majistrate First Hosdurg
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes, charge framed
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	No, trial pending
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	No, trial pending
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Not applicable
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)		In Kanhangad legislative assembly, there are large no. Of linguistic minority.Candidate belongs to linguistic minority and fluent in Kannada, Tulu and Kongini. Inorder to reach the benefit to the ground level, this candidate is selected. The selected candidate is a social worker and is doing services to the linguistic minority.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		No other candidate with the same qualification is not available.

\* 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.

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(Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)