

(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 – MANKADA- 39
 (2) Name of the candidate – **LEJOY PAUL**

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences Allegations of unlawful trespass, assault, causing hurt and criminal intimidation under BNS sections 329(3), 329(4), 126(2), 115(2), 3(5).
	b.	Case no. FIR No. 0290/2026
	c.	Name of the Court Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Angamaly
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any NOT APPLICABLE
	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) The candidate is a Higher Secondary School teacher having strong educational back ground and reputation , his active involvement in public life, strong grassroots connection, and commitment to social development. He has demonstrated leadership qualities and public service orientation. The selection is based on merit and organizational contribution, independent of the pending case.	
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words) Other candidates were considered; however, the selected candidate demonstrated superior public engagement and leadership. The pending case is at a preliminary stage and does not outweigh his qualifications and contributions.	

* 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.

Sd/-
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 (Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)