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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 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**

Name of State/UT: KERALA

(1) Name of the Constituency- 70 IRINJALAKUDA

Name of the candidate - SANTHOSH

Sl.No.								
1	Criminal antecedents							
	a.	Nature of the offences	Unlawful Assembly and Rioting	Cheating	Conducting Protest/ procession in violation of control relating to epidemic diseases Act	wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot	Unlawful Assembly	Unlawful Assembly
	b.	Case no.	CC 1382/25	RC 66/25	RC 509/21	CC 518/19	CC 2768/18	CC 3014/18
	c.	Name of the Court	JFCM Irinjalakuda					
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	18/03/2026	NA	NA	17/12/19	13/11/23	16/02/23

	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Fine remitted & till the rising of court	referred case	referred case	Fine remitted	Pleading guilty & fine Remitted	Pleading guilty & fine Remitted
	g.	Any other information required to be given	The cases C.C. 1795/19 and C.C. 2851/2018, registered against those who participated in the protest called in connection with the issue of women's entry into Sabarimala Temple, have been withdrawn by the Government.					
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 100words)	Santhosh (S/o Cherakkulam Damodaran) has been actively engaged in social service since 1981, working towards social equality, fraternity, secularism, and the upliftment of the poor and marginalized. He has consistently supported destitute individuals and promoted the growth of young entrepreneurs and educated youth. As a committed follower of the principles of Sree Narayana Guru, he has demonstrated integrity, leadership, and dedication to public welfare. His long-standing service, social commitment, and proven merit make him a deserving candidate.					
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100words)	While several individuals without criminal antecedents were considered, Santhosh (S/o Cherakkulam Damodaran) was selected due to his extensive experience, consistent social service since 1981, and strong grassroots connect. His proven track record in promoting social equality and public welfare, along with his leadership qualities and acceptance among the people, distinguish him from others. The selection is based on merit, experience, and dedication rather than mere eligibility.					

*In the case of election to Council of 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)