

(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: The Legislative Assembly Election - 2026
 Name of State/ UT: KERALA
 (1) Name of the Constituency – 088- DEVIKULAM
 (2) Name of the candidate – S. RAJENDRAN

| Sl. No. | | |
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| 1. | Criminal antecedents | |
| | a. | Nature of the offences Kerala Land Conservancy Act 1957, 2009 (A) Under Sections 7(a),7(d) |
| | b. | Case no. Crime No (FIR Number): 0412/2023 of Munnar Police Station |
| | c. | Name of the Court Final Report not yet Filed |
| | d. | Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) No |
| | e. | Date of conviction, if any N/A |
| | f. | Details of punishment undergone, if any N/A |
| | g. | Any other information required to be given N/A |
| 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) | S. Rajendran (S/o S. Shanmuhavel) has been actively engaged in social service since 1980, working towards the promotion of social equality, fraternity, and secularism, as well as the upliftment of the poor and marginalized sections of society. He has consistently extended support to destitute individuals and has played a significant role in encouraging and nurturing young entrepreneurs and educated youth. He has been elected as the Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the Devikulam Constituency for three consecutive terms, spanning 2006–2011, 2011–2016, and 2016–2021. His tenure as the elected representative of the constituency witnessed a paradigm shift in terms of development and public welfare initiatives. He commands widespread respect and acceptance throughout the constituency, owing to his distinguished personality, as well as his deep empathy and concern for plantation labourers and other sections of the community. |
| 3. | Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words) | While several individuals without criminal antecedents were considered, S. Rajendran (S/o S. Shanmuhavel) was selected due to his extensive experience, consistent social service since 1980, and strong grassroots connect. His proven track record in promoting social equality and public welfare, along with his effective leadership qualities, sets him apart. He is widely respected as a determined leader with an iron will. The people of the constituency continue to repose faith in his leadership and look forward to his return as MLA, recalling the development achieved during his earlier tenure. He remains a preferred choice, with no comparable alternative matching his acceptance and influence. |

* 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.

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR

(PRESIDENT, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-KERALA)
 (Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)

