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(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
Name of State/ ~~UT~~: KERALA

(1) Name of the Constituency: ALATHUR 60
(2) Name of the candidate: PRASANAKUMAR.K. V

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	1. 138 OF NI ACT 2. 189(2)R/W190 BNS 3. 329(3),126(2)189(2),191(2),115(2),118(1)296(B)R/W190 BNS
	b.	Case no.	1. CC 907/2023 2. CC 1/2026 3. CC 758/2024
	c.	Name of the Court	1. JFCM NO.1 PALAKKAD 2. JFCM NO.3, PALAKKAD 3. JFCM, Alathur
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NIL
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NIL
	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 selection is based on the candidate's qualifications, achievements, public service, and overall merit. There is no involvement in offences involving moral turpitude. Hence, the candidature deserves consideration on merit and not on mere electoral winnability."
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		With respect to the alleged offence, it is respectfully submitted that the case is politically motivated and has been instituted with an ulterior intent to tarnish the reputation of the candidate. The candidate has an unblemished record, strong public service credentials, and no history of criminal misconduct. The allegations are either false or exaggerated and are pending adjudication before the competent court. There is no offence involving moral turpitude or conviction against the candidate. Hence, the candidature deserves consideration based on qualifications, achievements, and merit, and not on baseless allegations or perceived electoral 'winnability

* 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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