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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 the 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.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/UT : KERALA STATE
(1) Name of the Constituency : KOLLAM-124
Name of the Candidate : ***Dr. PRATHAP KUMAR. N***

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1	Criminal Antecedents	
	(a) Nature of the Offence	Sections 120-B, 201, 203, 406, 420, 467, 468, 471 of Indian Penal Code
	(b) Case number	Crime No.0020/2024 of ACB, FARIDABAD, Haryana
	(c) Name of the Court	JFMC, Faridabad
	(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 was chosen for their integrity, qualifications, and record of meaningful achievements in public and professional domains. Their consistent dedication to service, policy understanding, and leadership skills make them well-suited to represent the constituency. Merit and capability were the primary criteria in the selection process
3	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (Not more than 100 words)	Other individuals without criminal antecedents were considered; however, the case against the selected candidate is demonstrably false and a result of professional rivalry. The candidate has an otherwise clean record, strong qualifications, and significant achievements in public service. On a comparative assessment of merit, experience, and leadership ability, the candidate was found most suitable to represent the constituency

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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