

(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 :

Name of State/ ുഠ: KERALA

(1) Name of the Constituency – 092 PEERUMEDU (GENERAL ELECTION 2026)

(2) Name of the candidate – RATHEESH V S (RATHEESH VARAKUMALA)

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences
		While conducting a protest for party
	b.	Case no.
		CC 201/2025
	c.	Name of the Court
		Judicial First Class Magistrate Court, Idukki
	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 candidate has been selected based on strong academic qualifications, consistent public engagement, and a record of meaningful contributions to community development. They have demonstrated leadership, integrity, and the ability to address local issues with practical solutions. Their achievements reflect dedication to public welfare and inclusive progress. The selection is grounded in merit, competence, and commitment to service, rather than electoral “winnability,” ensuring a capable and responsible representative for the constituency.	
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, they were not selected due to comparatively lesser experience in public service, limited grassroots engagement, or lack of demonstrated leadership in addressing constituency issues. The chosen candidate showed stronger qualifications, a proven record of achievements, and greater commitment to public welfare. The selection was based on merit, competence, and the ability to effectively represent and serve the people, rather than solely on the absence of criminal antecedents.	

* 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.

(PRESIDENT, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-KERALA)

(Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)