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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 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 the Political party:** Kerala Congress(M)

**\*Name of the Election Commission:** General Election to Kerala Legislative Assembly 2026

**Name of the State/UT:** Kerala

(1) Name of the Constituency- 090- Thodupuzha

Name of the candidate- Cyriac Joseph (Cyriac Chazhikadan)

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Criminal antecedents</b>	
	a. Nature of offences	1. Offences under section 188, 269,338 of Indian Penal Code, Kerala Police Act 118/(e) 2. Offences under section 143,149,188,269,283,336 of Indian Penal Code and Kerala Police Act 2020(5) 3. Offences under sections 270 Bharathiya Nyaya Sanhita and 5(1) The Noise Pollution Rules 2000
	b. Case no.	1. CC 787/2020 2. CC 2207/2020 3. Crime No. of Kuruvilangad Police station 42/26
	c. Name of the Court	1. Judicial 1st Class Magistrate Court, Ettumanoor 2. Judicial 1st Class Magistrate Court I, Kottayam 3. Judicial 1st Class Magistrate Court, Pala
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. Yes 2. Yes 3. No
	e. Date of conviction, if any	1. 14/12/2021 2. 13/12/2021 3. No summons issued form the court.
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	1. Imposed a fine of INR 2000/- 2. Imposed a fine of INR 3000/- 3. No summons issued form the court.
	g. Any other information required to be given	No

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)	Mr. Cyriac Joseph (Cyriac Chazhikadan)'s selection is based on his distinguished record as an active party member and his services in different social activities. At present he is the president of Kerala Youth Front (M). His candidacy is grounded in professional merit and proven through different activities and his deep commitment to grassroots development. With a high level of qualification and knowledge in different subjects and community engagement.
		He remains the most qualified candidate to drive progress through ethical and merit-based leadership. The offences above said did not include the offence of moral turpitude. The offences 1 and 2 are in connection with violation of COVID-19 Norms by conducting Dharana.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	Mr. Cyriac Joseph (Cyriac Chazhikadan) was selected due to his success in different activities and his dynamic young leadership. The pending cases are considered petty and politically motivated, arising from his active public service rather than criminal intent. Despite considering other individuals, he possessed organizing skills and his wide-spread knowledge in different subject is very much helpful in upbringing social and developmental activities in the constituency.

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\* In the case of election to the Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

Signature of office bearer of the Political Party

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