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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- 101- Poonjar

Name of the candidate- Sebastian

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1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of offences	1. Offences under section 147, 147(a) of Indian railways Act 2003 2. Offences under section 189(2), 191, 190, 285 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 39, 121 of Kerala Police Act
	b. Case no.	1. S.T 562/18 2. S.T 768/2025
	c. Name of the Court	1. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court, Kottayam 2. Judicial 1st Class Magistrate III, Trivandrum
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. Yes 2. No
	e. Date of conviction, if any	1. 21/10/2020 2. N/A
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	1. Imposed a fine of INR 1750/- 2. N/A
	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. Sebastian's selection is based on his distinguished record as an active party member and his impactful service as the incumbent representative since 2021. His candidacy is grounded in professional merit and proven legislative experience. His tenure is marked by transparent governance and a deep commitment to grassroots development. With a high level of qualification in policy implementation and community engagement,

		he remains the most qualified candidate to drive continued progress through ethical and merit-based leadership.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	Mr. Sebastian was selected due to his proven merit as the incumbent MLA and a dynamic young leader. The pending cases are considered petty and politically motivated, arising from his active public service rather than criminal intent. Despite considering other individuals, no other candidate possessed his level of legislative experience. His track record since 2021 makes him the most qualified choice for the constituency's continued development.

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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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