

**Format C-7**

(for political parties to publish in the newspaper, social media platforms &amp; 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 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- 074 Perumbavoor

Name of the candidate- Basil Paul

Sl No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of offences	1. Offences under section 283, 189(2), 190 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. 2. Offences under section IPC 341, 294(B), 506, 34 3. Offences under section IPC 143, 147, 149, 283 4. Offences under section IPC 143, 145, 147, 149, 188, 269 & SEC4(2)a KEDO
	b.	Case No.	1. CR301/2025 2. CC01 00332/2023 3. CR 199/2020 4. CR 1083/2020
	c.	Name of the Court	1. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 3, Perumbavoor 2. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 3, Perumbavoor 3. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 3, Perumbavoor 4. Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 3, Perumbavoor
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. Not yet charged 2. CC ON 24/03/2026 3. CC 0186/2020 Dt 11/12/2021 4. CC 281/2021 Dt 02/12/2021
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NIL
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	1. NA 2. NA 3. Imposed a fine of INR 700/- 4. Imposed a fine of INR 1000/-
	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. Basil Paul's selection is based on his distinguished record as an active involvement in politics and impactful service as the incumbent representative since 1990. His candidacy is grounded in professional merit and proven political experience. His tenure is marked by transparent governance and a deep commitment to grassroots development. 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. Basil Paul was selected due to his proven merit as the incumbent Leadership as president of Grama Panchayath and Block Panchayath member 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 1990 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.

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