

**Format C-7**

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 : **Bharath Dharma Jana Sena**

Name of the Election : **LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY ELECTION 2026, KERALA**

Name of State : **KERALA**

Name of the Constituency : **MANNARCAUD**

Name of the Candidate : **ISSAC VARGHESE**

Sl. No:	Criminal antecedents	
a	Nature of Offences	Allegations arising from a complaint related to a transaction in the year 2019 (matter under judicial consideration).
b	Case no.	Crime No.156/2024 of Kongad Police Station, Palakkad; C.C.No.461/2025; CrI.M.C No.11494 of 2025
c	Name of the Court	High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam; Judicial First Class Magistrate Court-II, Palakkad
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 further information to be given	The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala has granted an interim stay on further proceedings in C.C. No.461/2025 for a period of three months, noting delay in filing the complaint, absence of required affidavit, and pendency of related civil dispute.
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 possesses strong professional experience and has demonstrated effective leadership and administrative capabilities. His background reflects competence, responsibility, and commitment to assigned roles. His qualifications and experience make him well-suited for selection based on merit and performance.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The selection process considered multiple factors including experience, capability, and suitability for the role. While other individuals may not have any criminal antecedents, the chosen candidate demonstrated comparatively stronger qualifications, relevant experience, and the ability to effectively fulfill the responsibilities required for the position.

\* 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.

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**(President, Bharath Dharma Jana Sena)**