

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 : PUTHIYA TAMILAGAM
Name of the Election :GENERAL ELECTION TO TAMILNADU ASSEMBLY-2026
Name of State/UT : TAMILNADU

- (1) **Name of the Constituency: 217, OTTAPIDARAM**
(2) **Name of the candidate: DR. K. KRISHNASAMY**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Public Nuisance, Unlawful Assembly, Disobedience to public servant order, Epidemic Diseases Act violations, and obstructing public way.
	b. Case no.	1. 117/2025 (Appayanaickenpatti PS) 2. 268/2025 (Amathur PS) 3. 288/2025 (Maraneri PS) 4. 194/2022 (Perungudi PS) 5. 6/2021 (SubramaniapuramPS) 6. 231/2018 (Paramakudi Town PS) 7. 168/2009 (Chanakyapuri PS, New Delhi)
	c. Name of the Court	Pending in respective Jurisdictional Magistrate Courts
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No (FIR Registered / Pending Trial)
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	Most cases are related to public protests and political demonstrations.
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” the polls	A seasoned leader with extensive merit, deep local connectivity, and a proven track record in healthcare advocacy and social justice.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Prospective candidates lacked his administrative experience; pending cases stem from democratic

	protests for public welfare rather than moral turpitude.
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(1) **Name of the Constituency: 224, TIRUNELVELI & 203, SRIVILLIPUTHUR**

(2) **Name of the candidate: DR. K. K. SHYAM**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unauthorized public gatherings, speech-related disturbances, Unlawful Assembly, and violations under the Epidemic Diseases Act.
	b. Case no.	1. 290/2025 (Tirunelveli Junction PS) 2. 458/2024 (Kovilpatti East PS) 3. 6/2021 (C2 Subramaniapuram PS)
	c. Name of the Court	High Court of Judicature at Madras (Madurai Bench)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No (Cases 290/2025 and 458/2024 are Filed for Quash; 6/2021 is FIR Registered).
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	democratic protests and public gatherings during the pandemic period.
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	Highly qualified professional with extensive public service experience, proven community leadership, and a strong commitment to healthcare and social advocacy.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: VASUDEVANALLUR**

(2) **Name of the candidate: K. PAULRAJ**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Rioting, Public Nuisance, Voluntarily causing hurt
	b. Case no.	1. STC No. 123/2024 (FIR No. 167/2023, Puliyangudi PS) 2. STC No. 23/2024 (Cr. No. 216/2023, Puliyangudi PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Judicial Magistrate Court, Sivagiri
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	local public demonstrations and social activism.

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	An influential local leader with a proven record of community service, deep grassroots connectivity, and strong administrative merit for Vasudevanallur.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: SANGARANKOVIL**

(2) **Name of the candidate: PRABAKARAN .I**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly and related disturbances under the BNS Act.
	b. Case no.	Cr. No: 41/2026 (Karivalamvanthanallur Police Station)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending Investigation)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	The case was registered in the context of a public demonstration.
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	A dedicated youth leader with significant grassroots mobilization skills and a strong commitment to addressing the specific developmental needs of Sangarankovil.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: NILAKOTTAI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: SANKAR.P**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Uttering obscene words, voluntarily causing hurt
	b. Case no.	1. CC 237/23 (FIR No. 19/23, Ammayanayakanur PS) 2. Cr. No: 150/24 (Ammayanayakanur PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Nilakottai Judicial Magistrate Court
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil

	g. Any other information required to be given	Public interactions and property-related disputes.
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	An active social worker with strong local support, proven leadership merit, and deep commitment to the Nilakottai constituency’s welfare.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) Name of the Constituency: SRIVAIGUNDAM

(2) Name of the candidate: RAJASUTHAN. N

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly and related violations under the BNS Act.
	b. Case no.	Cr. No: 148/2025 (Alwarthirunagari Police Station)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	The case pertains to participation in a public demonstration.
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	A dynamic community leader with significant grassroots influence, administrative merit, and a strong record of accomplishment of local public service.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) Name of the Constituency: ATHTHUR

(2) Name of the candidate: K. JAYA PRAKASH

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly of public health regulations during a protest.
	b. Case no.	Cr. No: 212/2020 (Vathlagundu Police Station)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No (Charge sheet not yet filed)
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil

	g. Any other information required to be given	The case relates to a public gathering held during the pandemic period.
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	An experienced social worker with exceptional grassroots connectivity, local leadership merit, and a strong commitment to Aththur’s developmental needs.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) Name of the Constituency: PERIYAKULAM

(2) Name of the candidate: MARISAMY . V

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Obscene words, criminal trespass, causing damage
	b. Case no.	Cr. No: 164/22 (Jayamanagalam Police Station)
	c. Name of the Court	Periyakulam Taluka Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	This case is related to local community-level disputes and protests.
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	A well-known local representative with strong leadership skills, significant community merit, and a record of accomplishment of serving Periyakulam’s public.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) Name of the Constituency: MANNARGUDI

(2) Name of the candidate: BHARATHI.B

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly and damage to public property.
	b. Case no.	1. Cr.No. 0682/2024 (Mannargudi Town PS) 2. Cr.No. 0229/2023 (Mannargudi Taluk PS) 3. Cr.No. 0243/2016 (Koothanallur PS) 4. Cr.No. 0044/2019 (Needamangalam PS) 5. Cr.No. 2609/2020 (Mannargudi Town PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Mannargudi Judicial Magistrate Court (I & II)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil

	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	Local public participation and social demonstrations.
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	A prominent local advocate with extensive leadership merit, deep grassroots connections, and a dedicated history of public service in Mannargudi.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: PARAMAKUDI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: RATHINA PRAKASH. K**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Penalties for picketing/obstruction of business
	b. Case no.	Cr. No: 12/2018 (Mylapore Police Station, Chennai)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	peaceful political protest/picketing organized
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	An academically qualified and socially conscious leader with strong merit, grassroots influence, and a deep commitment to Paramakudi’s development.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: MANAMADURAI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: RAJAMANIKKAM.A**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly and disobedience to quarantine rules.
	b. Case no.	.1. Cr. No: 230/2019 2. Cr. No: 267/2019 3. Cr. No: 337/2020
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil

	g. Any other information required to be given	These cases primarily relate to participation in local political demonstrations and pandemic-era public gatherings.
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” the polls	A veteran social worker with significant grassroots influence, administrative merit, and a long-standing record of serving the Manamadurai community.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: TENKASI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: S.THIRUMALAI KUMAR**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	criminal intimidation
	b. Case no.	1. Cr.No. 132/2019 (Surandai PS) 2. Cr.No. 25/2023 (Surandai PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	local public interactions and political demonstrations.
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” the polls	An experienced leader with vast public service merit, strong grassroots connectivity, and a deep understanding of Tenkasi’s socio-economic needs.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: SIVAKASI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: KANIPANDI M**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Public Nuisance (u/s 292 BNS r/w 3A TN Town Nuisance Act).
	b. Case no.	288/2025 (Maraneri PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (FIR Registered)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No (FIR Stage)
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil

	g. Any other information required to be given	The case is related to a public awareness gathering or demonstration.
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	A local leader with strong community merit, grassroots mobilization skills, and a dedicated record of service in the Sivakasi region.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: TIRUCHULI**

(2) **Name of the candidate: GUNASEKARAN.G**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Unlawful assembly, disobedience promulgated by public servant.
	b. Case no.	1. 152/2015 (Virudhunagar West PS) 2. 419/2017 (Soolakkarai PS) 3. 155/2022 (Rajapalayam South PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (FIR Registered)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	All cases are related to participation in democratic political protests and public demonstrations.
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”the polls	A dedicated field worker with exceptional grassroots connectivity, significant leadership merit, and a strong history of serving Tiruchuli’s public.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: THIRUVAIYARU**

(2) **Name of the candidate: V. VENU**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	criminal intimidation
	b. Case no.	CC No. 38/2022 (FIR No. 356, Thanjavur Town West PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Additional Mahila Court, Thanjavur
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending (CC Stage)

	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	The case is related to a local public demonstration and social protest.
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” the polls	A highly capable social leader with significant grassroots merit, proven leadership skills, and a strong history of public advocacy.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: DINDIGUL**

(2) **Name of the candidate: PRADEEP. M**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	causing hurt with weapons, violations of the Epidemic Disease Act..
	b. Case no.	1. C.C.No. 309/2021 (Cr.No. 582/2020, Thadikombu PS) 2. C.C.No. 669/2025 (Cr.No. 809/2020, Thadikombu PS) 3. S.C.No. 39/2025 (Cr.No. 11/2019, Thadikombu PS) 4. Cr.No. 2363/2020 (Dindigul Taluk PS)
	c. Name of the Court	Dindigul Judicial Magistrate Court No. 2, Dindigul Sessions Court.
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending (CC Stage)
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	Political demonstrations and public protests.
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” the polls	A dynamic leader with significant grassroots merit, proven organizational skills, and a consistent record of addressing public grievances in Dindigul.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

(1) **Name of the Constituency: THIRUPARANKUNDRAM**

(2) **Name of the candidate: SETHURAMAN. A.**

Sl.no.		
1	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the offences	Abetment, rioting with deadly weapons, obscene words

	b. Case no.	Cr. No. 219/2016 (Sholavandan Police Station)
	c. Name of the Court	Jurisdictional Magistrate Court (Pending)
	d. Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Pending
	e. Date of conviction, if any	Nil
	f. Details of punishment undergone, if any	Nil
	g. Any other information required to be given	The case is related to a political confrontation
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” the polls	A senior community representative with exceptional leadership merit, strong grassroots connectivity, and a long record of public welfare work.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates	Public welfare rather than moral turpitude.

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