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Shri. P.K.Chathan Master, renowned Communist leader and the first Minister for Local Self Government and Harijan Welfare of the State of Kerala, was born as the son of Shri.Kavalan in 1920.

A former president of Porathissery Panchayat, he had also been elected to the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1954 previously.

Shri. Chathan Master was elected to the first KLA from Chalakkudy Reserved Constituency as a Communist party Member. In the First EMS Ministry he was Minister for Local Self Government and Harijan Welfare and he handled that portfolio from 5-4-1957 to 31-7-1959. He was Member in the 4th and 5th KLA too, representing Kilimanoor constituency.

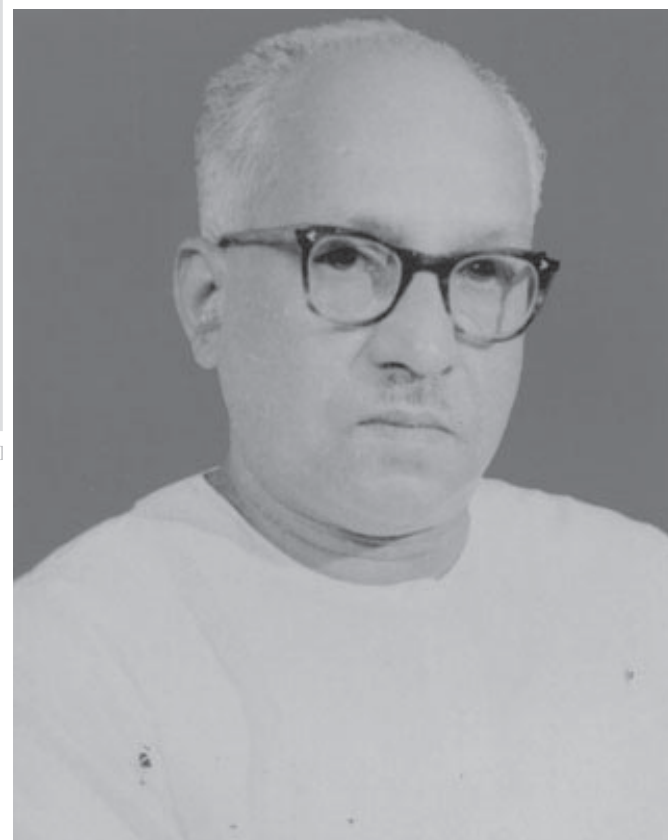
From 1974 to 1976 he served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. During a long span of public life he had also served as the Vice Chairman of the Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board and President of the Kerala Pulayar Mahasabha.

His wife is Smt. Kali and they have three sons and one daughter

Shri. Chathan Master expired at the age of 68 on 22.4.1988. The Assembly paid its homage to him on 25.4.1988.



K.C. GEORGE



Shri. K.C. George , senior Communist leader, was born on 13th January 1903. A Post Graduate with LLB, he had practised as an advocate of Travancore High Court till 1938. In the meanwhile , Shri. George became a leader of Travancore State Congress and its Working Committee Member. He was also a member of the KPCC. However, in 1939, Shri. George joined the Communist Party, and he played an important role in the Punnapra-Vayalar Struggle. Later, when the ban on the Communist Party was lifted, he became the President of the Kerala Unit of the Party. Shri. George served as a member of Rajya Sabha also during 1952-54.

Shri. George was elected as a Member of the first Kerala Legislative Assembly, in 1957 from Mavelikkara constituency representing CPI . In the first EMS Ministry, Shri. George served as the Minister for Food and Forests and he held the post from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959.

Shri. George also has to his credit , a few note worthy volumes like “ Immortal Punnapra-Vayalar” and “ Ente Jeevita Yatra”.

Sri. K.C. George expired on 10.8.1986.

The Assembly paid its Homage to him on 17.8.1987.



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Shri.K.P.Gopalan, senior Communist leader, was born in 1908, at Puthiyaparamba. A person drawn to freedom struggle after School education, Shri. Gopalan had been a volunteer in the Salt Satyagraha Jatha in 1930. Later, he joined the Communist Party in 1939. In an eventful political life spanning over four decades, he had been imprisoned several times, for more than 16 years. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952, and had served as the Deputy Leader of Opposition in that Assembly.

After the state reorganisation, Shri.K.P.Gopalan was elected as a member of the first KLA in 1957, from Cannanore – II constituency representing CPI. He served as the Minister for Industries and Community Development in the EMS Namboodiripad Ministry, and he held the post from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959.

Shri.K.P.Gopalan held several party positions also, during his long political career. He was the Secretary of North Malabar District Congress Committee, and the Secretary of Kerala Provincial Congress Committee, in 1934 and 1940. He had also served as the President of Kerala Trade Union Congress and Vice President of All India Motor Workers' Union.

Shri.K.P.Gopalan expired on April 20,1977.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on July 12, 1977.



K.R. GOURI AMMA



Smt. K.R.Gouri Amma, veteran leader, holds claim as the seniormost member in the XIth Kerala Legislative Assembly. Born on 14.7.1919 as the daughter of Shri. K.A.Raman and Smt. Parvathi Amma, she had her initiation into politics through students movements.

In the early stages of an eventful career spanning over six decades, Smt. Gouri Amma was an active member of Students Federation. Afterwards, she became a lawyer and was subsequently elected to Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 and in 1954. Smt. Gouri Amma was elected to the first KLA from Shertalai constituency contesting as a Communist Party candidate. Becoming the Minister for Revenue, Excise and Devaswom in the first ministry of EMS Namboodirippad, she held the chair from April 5, 1957 to July 31, 1959. She was elected to the second KLA also from Shertalai. She has been representing Aroor Constituency from 3rd KLA to 11th KLA consecutively except the 5th KLA.

In the fourth Ministry headed by Shri.E.M.S.Namboodirippad, she held the portfolio of Revenue, Sales Tax, Civil Supplies, Social Welfare and Law from 6.3.1967 to 1.11.1969. She was the Minister for Agriculture and Social Welfare in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry from 25.1.1980 to 20.10.1981. Again,

in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K.Nayanar during 1987-1991, she handled the portfolio of Industries, Social Welfare, Vigilance and Administration of Justice from 2.4.1987 to 17.6.1991.

Smt. Gouri Amma ceased to be a member of CPM in 1994, subsequently leading to her forming a new party, Janadhipathya Samrakshana Samithy (JSS). After a short gap, Smt. Gouri Amma again occupied the chair of Minister, in the Ministries headed by Shri. A.K.Antony and later Shri.Oommen Chandy. She held the portfolio of Agriculture and Coir and has been holding it since May 17, 2001. In the course of an illustrious career, Smt. Gouri Amma has held several high positions in all walks of life. She was a member of CPM State Secretariat and was the President of Kerala Karshaka Sangham from 1960 to 1984, and had also been active in the Mahila Sangham as its President and Secretary for almost 20 years. She had also served as Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee during 1986-87 and Chairman of the Committee on Assurances during 1960- 1961. Presently she is the General Secretary of JSS and leader of its Parliamentary Party.

A true revolutionary in the full sense of the term, and a real champion of the downtrodden, she was always in the forefront of agitations against oppression, and did not fear to even court arrest and imprisonment, for the successful culmination of the objectives for which she stood.

Also widely acclaimed as the Chief Architect of land reforms which heralded the end of feudalism in Kerala, Smt. Gouri Amma is one of the few leaders in the history of Kerala who sacrificed everything in life for the cause of the people.

The veteran leader and Parliamentarian Shri. T.V. Thomas was her husband.



Professor JOSEPH MUNDASSERY



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Professor Joseph Mundassery, besides being a great figure in Malayalam literature, has also a place in history as the first Minister for Education in the State of Kerala. He was born on 17th July 1903, as the son of Shri Kunjuvareed and Smt. Elachar.

A former Professor having a long association with the education field, he had taught in many colleges, before he was drawn into the political arena. Shri. Mundassery had also served as a member of Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1956.

Shri. Joseph Mundassery was elected to the first KLA from Manalur Constituency as a member of the Communist Party of India. During his stint as Minister for Education and Co-operation in the EMS Ministry from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959, he was responsible for many innovative legislations in the field of education. And coming from an educationist, these reforms gave a new lease of life to the higher education sector in the State.

Though he was again elected to the 4th KLA from Trichur Constituency as an independent candidate, he resigned on 22.9.1971, to take over as the Vice Chancellor of Cochin University of Science and Technology.

As an author of repute and as a literary critic, Professor Mundassery's contribution to the Malayalam literature was also substantial. He was the editor of 'Navajeevan' and 'Prajamithram' dailies and various literary journals. Besides, he was a Member of Kendra Sahithya Academy and Kerala Sahithya Academy. Prof. Mundassery received the titles 'Sahitya Kusala' and 'Sahitya Nipuna' from the Maharaja of Cochin. His literary accomplishments include books such as 'Professor', 'Konthayil ninnun Kurisilekku', 'China-Forward', 'Vayanasalayil', 'Manushya kathanugayikal' and an autobiography 'Kozhinja Ilakal'. He had also acted as Member of World Peace Council and had served as a Member of the State Planning Board.

His wife was Smt. Katherene and they have 4 sons and 3 daughters.

Professor Mundassery expired at the age of seventy four on 25 October 1977.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on February 9, 1978.



Justice V.R. KRISHNA IYER



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Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer, a true doyen among jurists, was one of those rare personalities in modern Kerala, who could put his indelible imprint in the social and political scenario, besides the judicial realm in our country. Born in May 1915 as the son of Shri. V.V. Rama Iyer, Shri Krishna Iyer started his political career as a Member of Madras Legislative Assembly during 1952-56.

Justice Krishna Iyer subsequently became elected to the first Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957 from Tellicherry constituency, contesting as an independent candidate backed by the Communist party. In that first ministry headed by Shri. E.M.S. Namboodirippad, Shri. Krishna Iyer held the portfolio of Law and Irrigation, from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959. In the elections held to the second KLA also, Shri Krishna Iyer remained a member when he was declared elected by the Election Tribunal.

His tenure as Minister is particularly remembered in the sense that, the period was witness to several far reaching reforms. His indepth knowledge in jurisprudence and practical experience as a lawyer, also helped the government to bring in many epoch making legislations in the history of the state.

In 1968, Shri V.R. Krishna Iyer was appointed as a Judge of the High Court. From 1971 to 1973, he was a member of the Law Commission. During the period, from 1973 to 1980, he also served as

Judge of the Supreme Court.

Being a jurist whose heart is close to the common man and his hopes and aspirations, Justice Iyer's judgments as Supreme Court Judge reflected this human perspective and concern.

A very gifted writer, he has also to his credit such books as 'Random Reflections', 'Nehru and Krishna Menon', 'Law versus Justice', 'Judicial Justice' and 'Justice at Cross Roads'.

Justice Krishna Iyer had also been a contestant in the Presidential Election held in 1982.

Smt. Sarada who passed away some time ago, was his life partner.



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Shri. T.A. Majeed, renowned CPI leader, was born in January, 1921 at Edava as the son of Shri. Abib Mohammed. Entering politics as an active worker of Indian National Congress, he later joined the CPI. He was elected to the Travancore – Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 and 1954.

Shri Majeed became elected to the first Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957, from Varkala, as a CPI candidate. He was the Minister for Public Works and Information, from 5..4..1957 to 31..7..1959, in Kerala's first Ministry headed by Shri.E.M.S.Namboodiripad. Subsequently in 1967, 1970 and 1977 also, he got elected from Varkala Constituency.

An active member of CPI State Council, Shri Majeed had served as the Chief Whip of United Front, in the Fourth and Fifth KLA, subsequently. Shri. Majeed had also served in the editorial staff of Prabhatham Daily, Malayala Rajyam Daily and Janayugom.

Smt. M.Khadija Kutty is his wife and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri. Majeed expired on 5..7..1980.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 7..7..1980.



Dr. A.R. MENON



Dr. A.R. Menon, a former physician, has the rare distinction of becoming the first Minister for Health in the state of Kerala. He was born on April 6, 1886. Though a medical man by profession, he was very much active in the social field and evinced keen interest in peoples' issues.

Dr. Menon had served as a member of the Cochin Legislative Council from 1925 to 1945. During the period, he was the Minister for Rural Development for 5 years. After the integration of Travancore and Cochin, he was elected to the T C L A in 1954 (1954-1956). He had also served as Municipal Chairman of Trissur for 14 years, and as the Chairman of Palakkad Municipality twice. In addition, he was a member of Madras University Senate & A.T.C.C.

In the election held after the state reorganisation, Dr. Menon became member of the first Kerala Legislative Assembly contesting from Trichur constituency, as an Independent candidate and served as Minister for Health in the EMS ministry from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959. He was elected also to the second KLA as an Independent member from Parali constituency

Dr. A.R. Menon passed away at the age of 74 on 9.10.1960, while still serving as a member.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on October 10, 1960.



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Shri. T.V. Thomas, veteran Communist leader, popularly called T.V., by those around him, was born on July 2, 1910. As many of his generation, Shri. T.V. was also drawn into the fold of politics, as a student, participating in the freedom struggle, and the agitation against Diwan rule in Travancore. A champion for the cause of the working class and the downtrodden, Shri. T.V. was always in the forefront of agitations for fair deal and justice.

He was instrumental in organising farmers and labourers movements and was also a leading figure in the Punnapra Vayalar struggle.

Shri. T.V. Thomas had previously been elected to the Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly too in 1952, and had served as the Leader of Opposition from 1954 to 1956 in that Assembly .

In the first ever elections held to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957, Sri. T.V. Thomas got elected from Alleppey as a candidate of the Communist Party. In that first EMS Ministry, Shri. Thomas was the Minister for Labour and Transport, and he held that portfolio from 5.4.1957 to 31.7.1959. When the Communist Party split, Shri. T.V. chose to remain with the CPI.

In the 3rd and 4th KLA too, Shri T.V. Thomas subsequently became elected , from Alleppey itself. In the 4th ministry headed by EMS, he handled the portfolio of Industries during the period from 6.3.67 to 21.10.69.

Later on, in the Achutha Menon Ministry, Shri. T.V. Thomas was the Minister for Industries from 25.9.71 to 25.3.77. As the Minister for Industries, Sri. T.V. Thomas also took the initiative to give impetus for the Industrialisation of the state and encourage new entrepreneurs to achieve this objective. The veteran leader, Smt.K.R. Gouri Amma, who is presently Minister for Agriculture, is his wife.

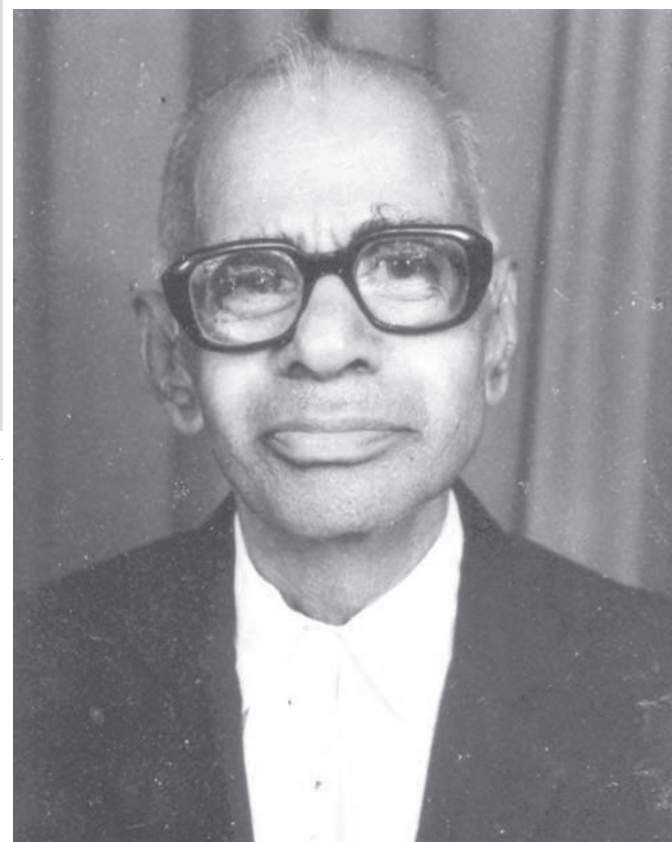
Shri. T.V. Thomas expired on 26.3.1977 at the age of 67.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 29. 3. 1977.



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Shri. K.T. Achuthan, advocate and senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Thryyan Vaidyar and Smt. Madhavi in April 1911.

Shri Achuthan had served as a Member of Kochi Legislative Assembly from 1943 to 1949, and Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1951.

Shri Achuthan became elected to the second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960, contesting from Nattika constituency as a Congress candidate. Shri. Achuthan held the portfolio of Transport and Labour in the Pattom Thanu Pillai Ministry from 22-2-1960 to 26-9-1962. He was the Minister for Transport and Labour in the R. Sankar cabinet too, from 26-9-1962 to 10-9-1964.

He had also served for a term as a Member of the Lok Sabha, from 1952 to 1957.

In the course of a long political career, Shri. Achuthan has held several important positions in different walks of life. He was Member, Municipal Council, Irinjalakuda and General Secretary, Cochin SNDP Yogam.

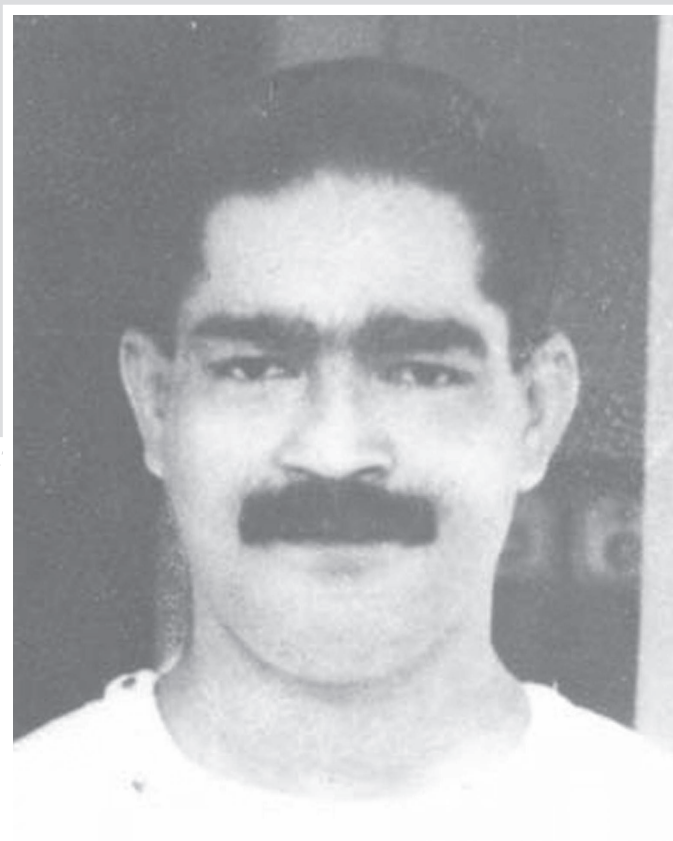
Smt. Savithri is his wife and they have four sons and three daughters.

Shri. Achuthan expired on 8-1-1999.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 26-2-1999.



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Shri. P.T. Chacko, veteran Congress leader, was born on April 9, 1915 as the son of Shri Thomas and Smt. Annamma at Chirakadavu, in Kottayam District..

A lawyer by profession, Sri. P.T. Chacko had served as a member of Travancore Assembly from 1948 to 1949. After the integration of the state of Travancore and Cochin, he continued to be a member of the Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1952. In 1949, he also served as a member of the Constituent Assembly. He was the Chief whip of Congress Legislature party in the Travancore Legislative Assembly in 1948, and also acted as Secretary of Congress Legislature Party in Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly. He had also served for a time in Rajya Sabha, during 1952-53.

Shri. P. T. Chacko was elected to First Kerala Legislative Assembly from Vazhoor constituency as a Congress Member. He was the first Leader of Opposition of the newly formed State of Kerala. He represented Meenachil constituency in the second KLA, and handled the portfolio of Home Affairs, in the Ministry headed by Sri. Pattom Thanu Pillai from 22.2.1960 to 26.9.1962. In the subsequent Ministry headed by Shri. R. Sankar too, he handled the same portfolio for 2 years from 26.9.1962 to 20.2.1964.

He resigned from the post of Home Minister on 20th February 1964, which eventually paved the way for the formation of a new regional party, Kerala Congress, after his untimely demise shortly afterwards.

Smt. Mariamma is his wife and they have six children .

His son Shri. P.C. Thomas has been representing the Moovattupuzha constituency in Lok Sabha since 1989, and has served as the Union Minister of State for Law in the A.B. Vajpayee Cabinet.

Shri P.T. Chacko passed away on 31-7-1964.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 2-9-1964.



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Shri. K. Chandrasekharan, leading lawyer of the High Court and senior leader, was born as the son of Shri. K. Rama Varma on September 22, 1921 at Trichur. A law Graduate from Madras Law College, Shri. Chandrasekharan had been active in the student movements in Madras during 1943-45. He set up practice in Kasargode in 1947, even while continuing as a member of Congress Socialist Party, which he joined in his student days.

Later during 1957, while serving as President of Kerala Kisan Panchayat, Shri Chandrasekharan contested the first ever election in the State of Kerala, and got elected from Hosdurg constituency, as a PSP candidate. He got elected in the second KLA too, from the same constituency.

And in the Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom Thanu Pillai, Shri. Chandrasekharan became a Minister for the first time.

He was the Minister for Law and Revenue in that Ministry from 22.2.1960 to 26.9.1962. Even though he was sworn in as Minister for Law and Revenue in the R Sankar Ministry too, on 26.9.1962, he resigned Ministership on 8.10.1962.

Shri. Chandrasekharan later became elected to the fifth KLA as a member of Janatha Party from Badagara, and represented the same constituency, right upto the ninth KLA.

In the Nayanar Ministry of 8th KLA too, Shri. Chandrasekharan was Minister for Education and Law from 26.3.1987 to 17.6.1991. He was also the leader of the Janatha Legislature party from the 5th to the 9th KLA.

He had served as the Chairman of the Subordinate Legislation Committee from 1958 to 1959.

Shri. K.Chandrasekharan had been a member of Rajyasabha twice from 1967 to 1970 and from 1970 to 1976.

In the course of an illustrious public life, he has been a member of the Kerala Sports Council, Rubber Board, Bar Association of India and Supreme Court Advocates Association. He has also been a leading figure in P.S.P, S.S.P, J.S.P and Janatha Party in Kerala .

A gifted writer as well, Shri Chandrasekharan has authored many commendable works, 'Reflection on the Indian Revolution, 'Let us unite ,' and 'The Face of freedom' to name just a few.

Shri. K.Chandrasekharan is a bachelor.



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Shri. K.A. Damodara Menon, journalist and veteran Congress leader, was born in 1906. After graduation, he took LLB and also worked as a teacher in Burma for a brief period. Like many of his generation, Shri. Menon was drawn into politics through the freedom struggle. He was also imprisoned for nearly five years during different stages of his life.

After becoming active in public life, he served as Secretary of the Aikya Kerala Committee from 1945 to 1957 and President of KPCC in 1957. He had been elected to the Provincial Parliament in 1950 and Lok Sabha in 1952.

Shri. Damodara Menon became elected to the second KLA as Congress Candidate from Parur in 1960. In the Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom Thanu Pillai, he was the Minister for Industries from February 2, 1960 to September 26, 1962. He was Minister for Industries and Local Administration again from September 26, 1962 to September 10, 1964 in the subsequent Cabinet headed by Shri R. Sankar.

As one having a rich experience in journalism, Shri. Menon has authored a number of books including 'Narmakadhakal', 'Bhavanasoonam', 'Balaraman' and 'Thoppil Nidhi'. He had also served

as Resident Editor of 'Mathrubhoomi' daily and was the President of Kerala Press Academy.

He was married to Smt. Leela Damodara Menon, who also was a member of KLA. They have three sons.

Shri. Damodara Menon passed away on 1-11-80.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 10-12-1980.



D. DAMODARAN POTTI



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Shri. D. Damodaran Potti, esteemed leader had the distinction of adorning the seats of Speaker and Minister in our state. He was born on 27th April 1921 in Kottarakara as the son of Shri. K.Damodaran Potti, who was a member of Sree Mulam Praja Sabha.

After completing his matriculation in Kottarakara High School, he studied in S.B. College, Changanassery and Arts College, Thiruvananthapuram, and later took his Bachelors' Degree in Law from Law College, Thiruvananthapuram.

Shri. Damodaran Potti turned to active politics by participating in the Quit India movement, even resigning the job he had in the Central Secretariat in 1942. Subsequently, in 1944 he started practice as an Advocate in Kottarakara. Though he was an active worker of the Congress Party, he later joined PSP and SSP. He had served as the Chairman of S.S.P' Kerala Unit and had also been the Vice Chairman of the Kerala Grandhasala Sangham.

As one, whose heart was with the masses, Shri. Potti worked for the upliftment of the poor and working class, and actively participated in the trade union movement.

In 1954, Shri. Potti had also been elected to Travancore - Cochin Assembly. He served as the Deputy Speaker in that Assembly.

Shri. Damodaran Potti was elected to the K.L.A for the first time in 1960, contesting from Kottarakara. From 21.2.1960 to 8.10.1962 he also held the portfolio of Public Works in the Cabinets headed by Sri. Pattom Thanu Pillai and later, Sri R. Sankar .

Shri. Potti, became elected to the KLA, again in 1967, from Chadayamangalam constituency. On 15th March 1967, he was elected as the Speaker of Kerala Legislative Assembly, and he graced the Chair till 21st October 1970. His contributions to KLA as a Speaker have been widely acknowledged.

Sri. Damodaran Potti expired on 15.11.2002.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 27.1.2003.



K. KUNHAMBU



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Shri. K. Kunhambu, senior Congress leader, was born on 1st June 1924, as the son of Shri. K.Urootty, in Chirakkalamsom of Cannanore District.

Starting life as a labourer in Malabar Saw Mills, Cannanore in 1939 after passing ESLC, he underwent teachers' training during 1940-42 and worked for some time as teacher . His certificate as teacher got cancelled for two years, when he was arrested in 1948, in connection with the Communist uprising in North Malabar.

Shri Kunhambu joined Congress in 1948. He had been selected as a Member of the District Welfare Committee by the Madras Government. During 1954-56, he also served as Deputy Sevak under the Harijan Welfare Department

Shri. Kunhambu represented Ponnani constituency in 1st KLA, Alathur constituency in 2nd KLA and Njarakkal constituency in 9th KLA as Congress member.

Shri. Kunhambu was the Minister for Harijan Uplift and Registration from 22.2.1960 to 26.9.1962 in the second Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom Thanu Pillai and later, the Minister for Harijan Welfare from 26.9.1962 to 10.9.1964 in the third Ministry headed by Shri. R. Sankar.

He had served as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. He was also a Member of the Lok Sabha for three consecutive periods from 1977-79, 1980-84 and 1984-89.

In the course of a long public life, Shri. Kunhambu had served as General Secretary of Depressed Class League, Malabar Branch and also as working committee member of Bharatheeya Depressed Class League.

His wife is Smt.V.Madhavi. They have four sons and two daughters.

While serving as a Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly, Shri. Kunhambu expired on 14.12.1991.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 4.3.1992.



E.P. POULOSE



Shri. E.P. Poullose, senior Congress leader, was born on October 2, 1909 at Ramamangalam, Muvattupuzha. After graduation, he obtained a law degree in 1933 and took up practice as a lawyer.

After joining the Indian National Congress, Shri. Poullose had participated in the freedom movement, early in 1935 and had also been imprisoned in 1946 in this connection, for a short period. Elected to Travancore Legislative Assembly in 1948, Shri. Poullose was subsequently elected to the first and second KLA from Ramamangalam as a Congress candidate.

Shri. E.P. Poullose also served as the Minister for Food and Agriculture from February 22, 1960 to September 26, 1962 in the Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom A. Thanu Pillai. During the R. Sankar Ministry, he held the same portfolio from September 26, 1962 to September 10, 1964.

Shri. Poullose had very much been actively involved in the growth of Co-operative movement in the state.

Shri. E.P. Poullose passed away on November 17, 1983.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on December 12, 1983.



P.P. UMMER KOYA



Shri. P.P.Ummer Koya, well known educationist and freedom fighter, was born on 1.7.1922 at Kozhikode.

Starting his political career quite early in life, Shri Ummer Koya had been elected to the Madras Legislative Council in 1954.

After the State reorganisation, Shri Ummer Koya became elected to the 1st KLA and 2nd KLA from Manjeri Constituency, contesting as a Congress Member.

Shri. Koya held the portfolio of Education from 22.02.1960 to 26.9.1962, in the Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom Thanu Pillai. From 26.9.1962 to 10.9.1964, he handled the Portfolio of Public Works, in the Ministry headed by Shri. R.Sankar.

He had served as the Vice President of K.P.C.C. He had also a remarkable stint as a member of the Kerala Public Service Commission.

Shri. Ummer Koya expired on September 1, 2000.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on December 21, 2000.



V.K. VELAPPAN



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Shri.V.K. Velappan, senior Congress Leader, was born in September 1898 at Vaikom.

After his school education he had joined the Ernakulam Maharaja's College in 1919, but had however to discontinue his studies. He later turned to social and political activities and had been elected to the Sree Moolam Praja Sabha twice in 1929 and 1931, and to the Travancore Legislative Assembly during 1933 –37. He was elected to the Travancore Legislative Assembly again in 1944, and continued upto 1947.

Shri. Velappan became elected from the Vazhur constituency to the second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 as a Congress candidate. From 22.02.1960 to 26..08..1962 he served as the Minister for Health and Electricity in the Ministry headed by Shri. Pattom Thanu Pillai .

In the course of a long public life , Shri Vellappan was also Municipal Councillor in the Vaikom Municipality and its Chairman from 1938 to 1952 and again from 1956 to 1960. He had also been associated with the activities of the NSS, along with Shri Mannath Padmanabhan.

Shri. V.K. Velappan expired on 26..8..1962 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on October 3, 1962.



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M.P. GOVINDAN NAIR



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Shri. M.P. Govindan Nair, Congress leader, was born in April 1928, as the son of Shri. Parameswaran Pillai and Smt. Kunjukutty Amma. A lawyer by profession, he had served as President of Vijayapuram Panchayat, and was president of a number of trade unions. He had served as Member of Congress Party Executive and was also closely associated with the Bharat Sevak Samaj.

Shri. Govindan Nair became elected to the Second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Kottayam constituency, as a Congress candidate. He served as the Minister for Health, in the Ministry headed by Shri. R. Sankar from 9.10.1962 to 10.9.1964.

Shri. Govindan Nair had, later, served as Chairman, KFC and Meat Products of India Ltd. He has been Director Board Member and Executive Council Member of NSS. Besides, he has been President of Kerala Bar Federation and Urban Co- operative Banks Federation. He had also served as Member in the Committee on Co-operative Banks for the Reserve Bank of India. Presently, he is a Member of the Disciplinary Action Committee of KPCC.

Smt. B. Sarada Devi is his wife, and they have one daughter .



1964

T.A. THOMMAN



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Shri. T.A. Thomman, Advocate and Congress leader, was born at Poonjar.

Enrolling as an Advocate at Palai, he had served for some time as Member of Palai Municipal Council, and also as member of Travancore - Cochin Pradesh Congress Committee.

Shri.Thomman became elected to the first and second Kerala Legislative Assembly from Poonjar constituency, as a Congress candidate. From 2.3.1964 to 10.9.1964, he handled the Portfolios of Law and Revenue, in the third Ministry headed by Shri.R.Sankar.

In the course of a long public life, Shri. Thomman had held several high positions. He had served as the Chief Whip of Congress Parliamentary Party in 1960, besides being the Executive Committee Member of K.P.C.C. From 1958 to 1959, he was the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee and from 1962 to 1963, the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee. He had also served as secretary to the Joint Parliamentary Party of Congress and PSP in the second Kerala Legislative Assembly and had also been chairman of District Advisory Committee for Khadi and Village Industries. A renowned co-operator too, Shri. Thomman had served as President of State Co-operative Union.

Shri. T.A. Thomman expired on 11.4.1984.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 21.6.1984.



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Shri. M.P.M. Ahammed Kurikkal , senior leader of Muslim League, was born on 23.8. 1921.

Starting his political career early in life joining the Congress Party, he later joined the Muslim League in 1950, and was its Vice-President.

Elected to the 1st and 2nd KLA from Kondotty, he represented Malappuram in the 3rd K.L.A. He handled the portfolios of Panchayats and Community Development and Fisheries in the Cabinet of Sri. E.M.S from 6.3.1967, till his untimely demise next year.

He was also the Secretary of Muslim League Legislature Party in the 1st KLA and its leader from 1961 to 1964.

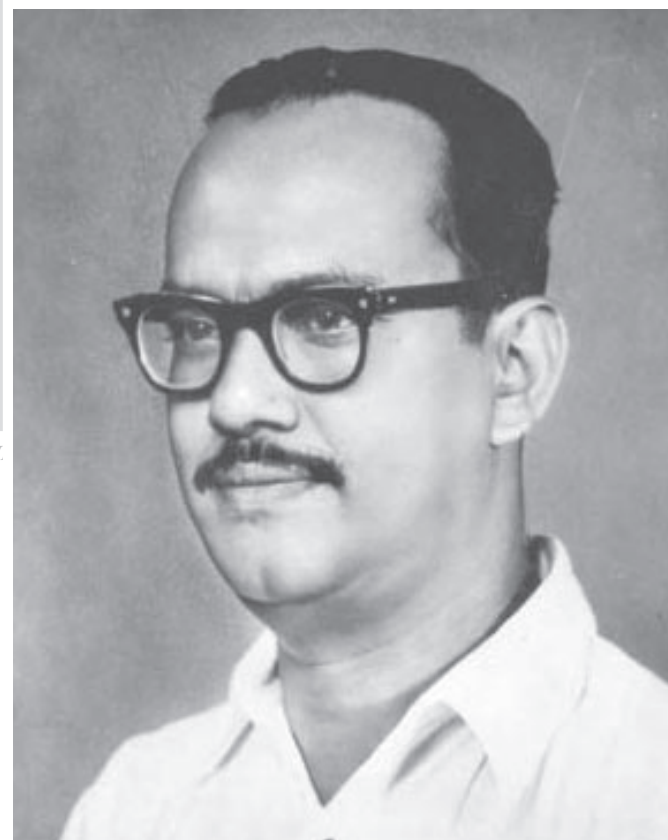
Shri. Kurikkal had also been a Member of the Malabar District Board and the Malabar District Co-operative Bank.

Shri Ahammed Kurikkal expired on 24.10.1968, while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 28.10.1968.



T.K. DIVAKARAN



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Shri.T.K.Divakaran, veteran trade union leader, who dedicated his life to organise the labourers, and raised his voice for their rights, was born on 5.12.1920 as the son of Shri.Krishnan and Smt. Nani.

Immediately after his school education, he began to get involved in trade union activities. He associated himself with UTUC, the trade union wing of RSP along with leaders like Shri.R.Sreekantan Nair. A founder member of KSP, Shri. Divakaran joined RSP in 1947 and had undergone imprisonment for a long period, in connection with the Punnapra-Vayalar Struggle in 1947 and the Cotton Mill Strike in 1949.

Shri. Divakaran had been elected to the Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly, in 1952 and 1954. During his tenure in TCLA, he was the Deputy Leader of opposition parties. He was also the Chairman of Estimates Committee in TCLA.

Shri. Divakaran became elected to the 3rd and 4th KLA from Kollam Constituency as RSP member. In the Ministry headed by Shri. E.M.S.Namboodirippad, he was the Minister for Works from 6.3.1967 to 21.10.1969 . And in the Ministry headed by Shri.C.Achutha Menon, he handled the portfolios of Works and Tourism from 4.10.1970 till his demise on 19.1.1976 while serving as Minister.

In the course of a long public life, he was the Chairman of Kollam Municipality and had served as Member and Vice Chairman of Coir Board. He also held important positions in RSP, including serving as the President of UTUC.

His wife is Smt.Devayani and they have 5 daughters and 2 sons including Shri.Babu Divakaran, the Minister for Labour in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

The Assembly paid its homage to Shri. T.K. Divakaran on 16.2.1976.



M.N. GOVINDAN NAIR



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Shri. M.N.Govindan Nair, veteran Communist leader, fondly called MN, was born on December 10, 1910.

After graduation, he actively participated in the freedom struggle. In the initial stages of an eventful career, he had spent a year in Wardha Ashram and was very much active in Harijan Upliftment. Shri. M.N. had also to give up Law studies due to active participation in the Travancore State Congress movement. Later, he became a member of CPI, and served as Secretary, Travancore Unit of CPI, Member, CPI Central Secretariat, Member, National Executive of CPI and the Secretary, CPI Kerala Unit.

Shri.M.N. had previously served as a member of TCLA during 1952 -1954.

Shri. M.N. Govindan Nair became elected to KLA from Punalur in 1967 and from Chadayamangalam in 1970, and served as leader, CPI Legislature Party. He was the Minister for Agriculture and Electricity in the EMS Ministry from 06.03.1967 to 21.10.1969. He also served as the Minister for Transport and Electricity in the C.Achutha Menon Ministry from 25.09.1971 to 25.03 1977.

Shri. Govindan Nair served also as a member of Rajya Sabha from 1962 to 1967, and member of Lok Sabha from 1977 to 1979.

Married to Smt. Devaki they have one son and one daughter.

Shri. M.N. Govindan Nair passed away on 27.11.1984.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 7-3-1985



E.K. IMBICHI BAVA



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Shri. E.K.Imbichi Bava, veteran Communist leader, was born on 20.7.1917 as the son of Shri. Abdulla.

Entering politics at an early age through the student Movement, he had been an active worker of the Congress Party and later, the Congress Socialist Party , before he joined the CPI in 1940. He had also been imprisoned for political activities on a number of occasions and even had to work underground, for 2 ½ years during 1945-52 and again for six months, later in 1965, while an MP. During his long and eventful career as a political and trade union leader, he has held important positions in CITU as District president , Malappuram and Member of its All India Working Committee. He also served as Palakkad District Secretary of CPI(M) . He was also a member of CPI (M) Kerala State Secretariat.

Shri.Imbichi Bava was elected to the 3rd KLA from Mannarghat constituency as CPI(M) member. He served as the Minister for Transport in the EMS Ministry from 6.3.1967 to 1.11.1969. He also handled the portfolio of Jail, Archaeology, Museum and Zoo.

Shri Bava had been a Member of both the Houses of Parliament as well previously , serving as a Member of Rajya Sabha during 1952-54 and as a Member of Lok Sabha in 1962 and 1980. After a gap, he was elected also to the 9th KLA from Ponnani Constituency.

His wife is Smt. Fathima and they have 4 sons and 1 daughter.

Shri. Imbichi Bava expired on 11.4.1995 while serving as a Member.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 24.4.1995.



M.K. KRISHNAN



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Shri. M.K. Krishnan, renowned Communist leader, was born on 15.1.1924, as the son of Shri. M.K. Kannan.

Keenly interested in the upliftment of the Backward classes, even from student days, he had been an active worker of the Cochin Pulaya Maha Sabha, and was its General Secretary during 1947-50.

Joining the Communist Party in 1947, he later became the State Committee Member of the CPI (M).

Shri. Krishnan became elected to the 3rd KLA from Kunnathunadu reserved constituency as CPI (M) Member. He was the Minister for Forests and Harijan Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.M.S. from 6.3.1967 to 1.11.1969.

Getting elected later to the 5th KLA from Koyalmannam and to the 6th KLA from Njarakkal, Shri Krishnan handled the portfolio of Harijan Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar from 25.1.1980 to 20.10.1981.

He had also served as the Chairman of Public Accounts Committee from 1977 to 1979.

Shri. Krishnan became a Member of the Lok Sabha, from 1971 to 1977.

Smt. Rugmini is his wife and they have three sons and two daughters.

Shri. M.K. Krishnan expired on 14.11.1995.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 6.3.1996.



P. K. KUNJU



Shri. P. K. Kunju, a leading figure in the political history of Travancore and later of Kerala, was born on 5th August 1905. An intermediate from Aligarh Muslim University, he had plunged into active politics while in high school. He had also taken part in the historic Vaikom Sathyagraha .

A member of Sree Moolam Assembly of Travancore from 1937 to 1947, he was later elected to Travancore Assembly in 1948 and was the Whip of the parliamentary party of All Travancore Joint political Congress. And in the election held after the integration of Travancore - Cochin, he was elected as a member in 1954 and became the Minister for Labour, Medical and Local bodies in the TCLA during 1954-1955.

Shri. P.K. Kunju had served also as the President of the Travancore-Cochin Muslim League in 1952. When the Praja Socialist party was formed, he became its Treasurer from 1957 to 1961.

Shri. Kunju became elected to the 2nd KLA subsequently from Krishnapuram constituency, as a PSP member. In the 3rd KLA he was elected from Kayamkulam as a member of SSP. From 6-3-1967 to 13-5-1969, Shri. Kunju was the Minister for Finance in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.M.S. Namboodirippad. It was during his stewardship, that lottery was introduced in the State.

During a long public life, Shri Kunju was also the Chief editor of 'Rajyabhimani' and 'Swaraj' weeklies and the daily 'Kerala Janata'. The Chairman of the Kerala Wakf Board, Shri P.K. Kunju was the founder of M.S.M. Arts and Science College, Kayamkulam.

Shri P. K. Kunju expired at the age of 74 on 23-6-1979.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 5-10-1979.



P.R. KURUP



Shri. P.R. Kurup, veteran Socialist leader, was born as the son of Shri.Govindan Nambiar on 30-9-1915.

A teacher by profession, he had participated in several teacher's movements and also in the Kattampalli struggle and struggle of Estate labour union. He had also been dismissed from service in 1945, because of his political affiliations. Getting initiated into politics through the Congress Party in 1935, he got attracted to the ideals of the Sociality Party later.

Shri. Kurup subsequently contested from Koothuparamba constituency in the elections held to the first KLA, as Praja Socialist Party candidate, and got elected. In the 2nd KLA also, he represented Koothuparamba constituency, again as a PSP member.He was elected from Peringalam constituency to the 3rd KLA as SSP member, and continued to represent Peringalam constituency in the 5th, 8th and 10th Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Shri. P.R. Kurup was Minister for Irrigation and Co-operation in the E.M.S.Ministry from 6-3-67 to 21-10-69 and the Minister for Forests and Transport, in the Nayanar Ministry from 20-5-96 to 11-1-99.

He was the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions from 1957 to 1958 and the House Committee from 1987 to 1989.

Shri Kurup had also served as President of Malabar Kisan Panchayat for some time.

His wife is Smt. K.P. Leela and they have 4 daughters and 4 sons, including Shri K.P. Mohanan, Member of the 11th KLA.

Shri P.R. Kurup expired on 17-1-2001.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 16-2-2001.



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Shri. Mathai Manjooran, the founder of Kerala Socialist Party and an accomplished editor, was born in 1912 as the son of Shri. Mathew.

While a matriculate student, he had actively participated in the Boycott of Simon Commission. Later, graduating from Madras University in 1933, he had been jailed for eight months for participating in the Kisan Labour movement. He was also cited as an accused in the famous Kizhariyoor Bomb case of 1942.

Initially taking part in Congress organisational work, he later joined Congress Socialist Party, and had even to go underground for sometime. He had also been active in the Cochin Praja Mandalam, and leader of its left faction.

Forming the KSP in 1947, he was imprisoned several times, and was prohibited from entering erstwhile Travancore State on two occasions. He also took active part in the Aikya Kerala Movement.

Shri. Manjooran became elected to the 3rd KLA from Madayi constituency as Kerala Socialist party member. In the 4th Ministry under the Chief Ministership of Shri. E.M.S. Namboodirippad, he handled the portfolio of Labour from 6..3..1967 to 1..11..1969.

Shri. Mathai Manjooran had also served as a member of Rajya Sabha , previously, from 1952 to 1954.

He was also editor of the dailies, 'Light of Kerala', 'Kerala Prakasam' and 'Socialist weekly' , and has also authored one book Prakasathilekku, a 3 volume Life Sketch of Great Philosophers.

Shri Mathai Manjooran expired on 14..1..1970, while serving as Member.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 15..1..1970.



B. WELLINGTON



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Shri. B. Wellington, political and trade union leader, was born in 1928.

After graduation, he started life as a teacher and later entered into political activities.

Entering politics through the Students' Congress, he became an active trade unionist, and was one of the pioneers of the INTUC in Quilon. Later, associating with Anti- Communist Front in 1956, he was elected President of its Kerala Unit. He broke away, subsequently, from Congress in 1961.

Shri Wellington was elected from Kalpetta constituency to the 3rd KLA and from Palluruthy constituency to the 4th KLA as KTP candidate.

He handled the portfolio of Health from 06-03-1967 to 20-10-1969, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.M.S.Namboodiripad.

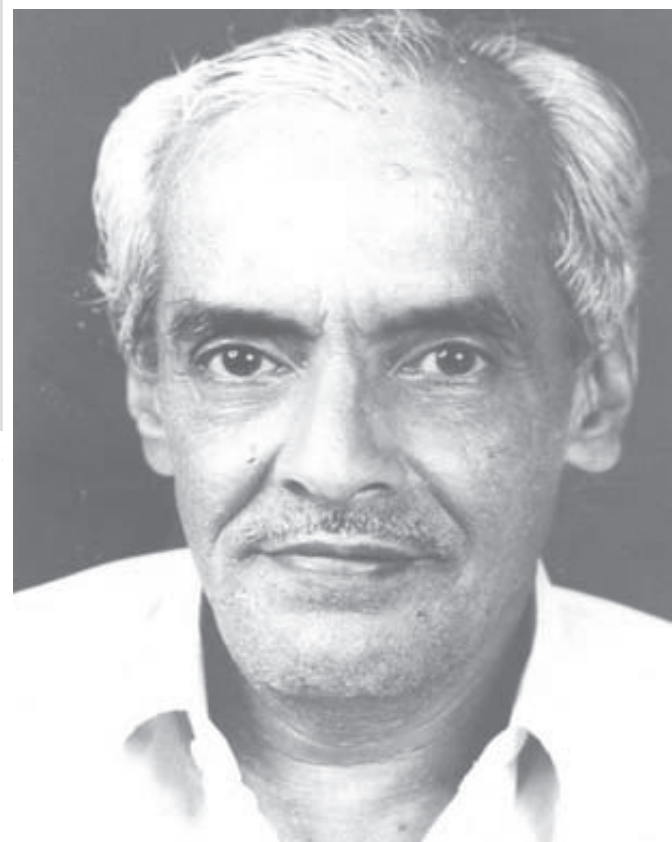
He had also served as the General Secretary of KTP and Secretary of Malanad Karshaka Union.

Smt. Elizabeth is his wife.



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K. AVUKADERKUTTY NAHA



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Shri. Avukaderkutty Naha, veteran leader of the Muslim League, was born in February 1920 to Shri Kunjikoyanuttu Haji.

After School education, he ventured into political arena through Muslim league. During the course of a long political career, he served as Vice-President, Indian Union Muslim League, Kerala State Committee, and President, Kerala State Swathanthra Thozhilali Union.

He had been elected also as a member of the Malabar District Board in 1954.

Shri. Naha became elected to first KLA from Thirurangadi Constituency. He remained a member from first KLA to seventh KLA, contesting from the same constituency throughout.

Shri Naha was also the Minister for Panchayat and Community Development in the EMS Ministry from 9..11..1968 to 21..10..1969. From 1..11..1969 to 1..8..1970 he was the Minister for Local Administration in C. Achutha Menon Ministry, and later in the second Achutha Menon Ministry also, he was the Minister for Food & Local Administration from 4.. 10.. 1970 to 25..3..1977. Again, he served as the Minister for Local Administration in the K. Karunakaran Ministry and in the succeeding Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. In the P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry also, he was the Minister for Local

Administration for one year. Shri. Avukaderkutty Naha was the Deputy Chief Minister of Kerala from October 24, 1983 to March 25, 1987.

In the course of a long public life, he also served as Deputy Leader, Muslim League Legislature Party during 1980-82. He was the Chairman of House Committee during 1960-62 and Public Undertakings Committee during 1982-83.

Married to Smt. P.K. Kunjibeebi Umma, they have 7 daughters and 3 sons including Shri. P.K. Abdu Rabb, M.L.A.

Shri Naha passed away on August 11, 1988.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on December 21, 1988



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K.M. GEORGE



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Shri. K.M. George , the veteran leader, lawyer and Journalist, was born on January 18, 1919.

Entering politics as an active worker of the Indian National Congress in 1941, he later became the General Secretary of KPCC during 1953-55. He was also the editor of 'Deepika' and 'Powradhwani' for some time.

Shri. K.M. George became a member of Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly during 1954-56.

Shri. George subsequently became elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Muvattupuzha constituency as a Congress candidate. The Founder-Chairman of Kerala Congress in 1964, Shri. George was later elected to the Assembly in 1967 and 1970, also from Poonjar as a Kerala Congress Candidate , and was the leader of Kerala Congress Legislature Party.

Shri George was the Minister for Transport and Health from 1.11.1969 to 1.8.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon. In the next Achutha Menon Ministry too, he served as the Minister for Transport from 26.6.1976 to 11.12.1976. .

He had also a remarkable stint as Chairman of Public Accounts Committee, Subordinate Legislation Committee and Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions.

Smt. Marthamma is his wife and they have 3 sons and 2 daughters. Shri. Francis George M.P is his son.

Shri. K.M. George expired on 11.12.1976 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 20.12.1976.



K.T. JACOB



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Shri. K.T. Jacob, senior CPI leader, was born in 1921.

After School education , he actively participated in the National Movement and later became a member of the Communist Party. After the split in 1964, he opted to stand with the CPI.

Shri Jacob became elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967 from Udumbanchola Constituency.

He served as the Minister for Revenue from 1..11..1969 to 1..8..1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri.C.Achutha Menon, and took the lead in giving title of land to landless workers and labourers.

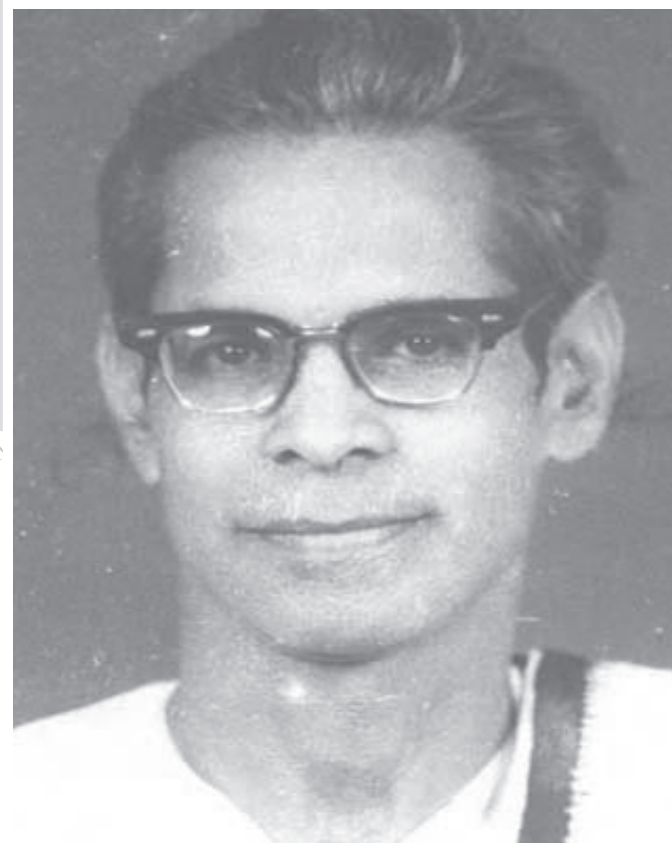
Later he also served for sometime as the Chairman of Kerala State Housing Board.

Shri. K.T. Jacob expired on 14..6..1976.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 15..10..1976.



O. KORAN



Shri. O. Koran, renowned socialist leader, was born in August 1919.

A teacher by profession, he later entered the social and political field and served as Vice-President of Malabar Kisan Panchayat, President of Malabar Harijan Samaj during 1940-63, and member of the State Executive Committee of Kisan Panchayat. A devoted activist of Harijan upliftment work, he was also the Joint Secretary of PSP and later SSP.

Shri. Koran was also a member of Madras Legislative Assembly previously from 1952 to 1956 representing Alathur Constituency.

Shri. Koran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Nileshwar, and in 1967 from Kuzhalmannam, as an SSP candidate.

He was also the Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation from 1.11.1969 to 1.8.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

Subsequently joining the Janatha Party, he became its State Committee Member, and President of its Farmers' wing, "Karshaka Janata." He had also been a Director Board Member of the Cochin Ship yard.

Shri Koran has 3 sons and 3 daughters.

Upon his demise the Assembly paid its homage on 6..7..1981



P. RAVEENDRAN



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Shri. P. Raveendran, renowned leader of CPI, was born on November 14, 1922, as the son of Shri. Padmanabhan.

A law graduate, he was actively involved in Co-operative movement and trade union sector, and had also been imprisoned, for political reasons.

Shri. Raveendran was elected also to Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1951 and 1954.

Shri. Raveendran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Eravipuram, and 1967 and 1970 from Chathannur.

Shri. Raveendran also served as the Minister for Industries, Labour and Forests from 1.11.1969 to 1.8.1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon. In 1987 and 1996 he was again elected from Chathannur constituency. Shri. Raveendran was the Pro-tem Speaker of the tenth KLA in 1996.

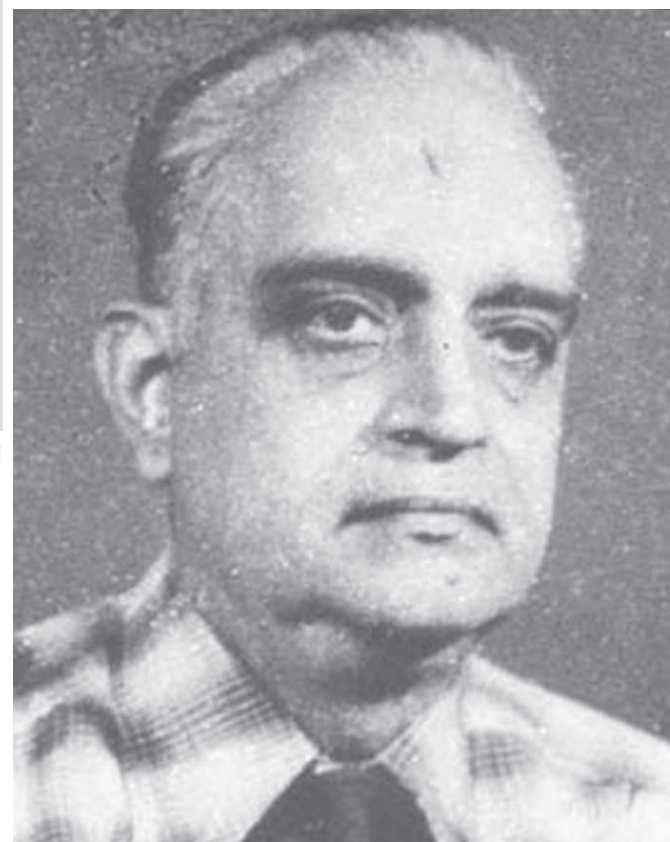
Besides holding important positions in the Handloom, Cashew and Co-operative Sectors, he had served as Member, State Executive of CPI and Secretary, CPI Legislature Party. He has also won the Sadanandan Award for the Best Co-operator.

Smt. Savithrikutty is his wife and they have one daughter.

Shri. P Raveendran passed away on 13..11..1997, while serving as member.
The Assembly paid its homage to him on 8..12..1997.



N.K. SESHAN



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Shri. N.K. Seshan, Socialist Party leader, was born in April 1927.

Starting his career as a Lecturer in English, Shri. Seshan later became the Head of the Department and Dean of Faculty of Language and Literature in Calicut University. He started his political career through the Socialist Party in 1948, and had also served as its General Secretary. He was actively involved in library movement and in the co-operative sector also, and was the Secretary of Kerala Kalaparishad. With a good command in Tamil and Hindi, he had also a good grounding in Sanskrit, which stood him in good stead.

Shri. N.K. Seshan became elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967 from Wadakkancherry as an SSP candidate.

He also served as the Minister for Finance from 1.. 11.. 1969 to 2..4..1970 in the Ministry headed by Shri.C.Achutha Menon. It was during his tenure as Minister that the Kerala State Financial Enterprises was established.

He had also a remarkable stint as the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee during 1967-68.

Shri. Seshan had his literary accomplishments as well. He published a biography on Rabindranatha Tagore 'Voice of India' and another book on Asan, Ulloor and Vallathol.

He has two daughters.

Shri. N.K. Seshan expired on 6.. 1.. 1986.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 17..3.. 1986.



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BABY JOHN



Shri. Baby John , veteran RSP Leader, was born on 14.9.1920 as the son of Shri. Sebastian John and Smt. Mary John.

Entering politics even while being a student, Shri. Baby John took part in the Independence movement, and was arrested several times for this. He was also excommunicated by the Catholic Church for taking part in political activities. Beginning his political career as a member of Congress Party, he later joined RSP and was its founder member.

Shri. Baby John's long legislative career begins in 1952-54 when he was elected as a member of Travancore - Cochin Legislative Assembly. Subsequently he was elected to the second KLA in 1960 from Karunagappally, which he again represented in 1967 and 1970. Since 1977, from the 5th KLA to the 10th KLA, he has been representing Chavara constituency continuously.

Shri. Baby John has a long record as a Minister as well. He was the Minister for Revenue from October 1970 to October 1979 in the four Ministries headed by M/s C. Achutha Menon, K. Karunakaran, A.K. Antony and P.K. Vasudevan Nair. Subsequently he was the Minister for Education from January 1980 to October 1981 in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar, and Minister for Irrigation from

26..3..1987 to 17..6..1991 and the Minister for Irrigation and Labour from 20..5..1996 to 7..1..1998, also in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar. Shri. Baby John has also had a remarkable stint as General Secretary of RSP, General Secretary of Kerala Committee of UTUC and President of All India, UTUC.

Smt. T. Annamma B.John is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter. Shri. Shibu Baby John who is presently a member of the Eleventh KLA, is his son.



N.K. BALAKRISHNAN



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Shri. N.K. Balakrishnan , senior leader of Socialist Party, was born at Nileshwar on July 1, 1919 as the son of Shri. K. Ambu.

Resigning his job in the Co-operative Department of Madras Government, he joined Quit India Movement in 1942. A founder member of the Congress Socialist Party in Kerala, Shri. Balakrishnan later became a member of PSP State Committee.

Shri. Balakrishnan became elected to the Kerala Assembly, in 1967 and 1970, from Hosdurg constituency. He represented Uduma constituency in the 5th KLA as a PSP member.

Shri. Balakrishnan was the Minister for Health and Co-operation from 4.10.1970 to 25.3.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

Shri. Balakrishnan has also served at different times as Chairman, Kerala State Ware housing Corporation, Member, Kerala University Senate, President, Kannur District Co-operative Bank and Director, Kannur Co-operative Spinning Mills.

Smt. C. Narayani is his wife, and they have one son and three daughters.

Shri. N.K. Balakrishnan expired on 15.4.1996.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 29.7.1996.



N.E. BALARAM



Shri. N.E. Balaram, renowned Communist leader, was born on November 20, 1919.

A teacher in Peravoor UP School before entering politics in 1934 as a Congress Worker, he later joined the Congress Socialist party, and shortly afterwards the CPI in 1939. He was actively associated also with Kisan and labour movements, and had been imprisoned several times, for participating in various agitations.

Shri. Balaram became elected to the Assembly in 1957 and 1960 from Mattanur as a CPI candidate. In 1970 he was again elected from Tellicherry.

Shri. Balaram was the Minister for Industries from 4..10..1970 to 24..9..1971 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

Shri. Balaram has served for sometime as Secretary, CPI State Council, Member, CPI National council and Central Executive Committee.

He had put his stamp in the literary field also, and was the author of 'Indiyayude Piravi', 'Dhanasastra Silpikal', 'Moonu Internationalukalude Charithram', 'Idathupaksha Communism', 'Adhunika

Muthalalithwam' and 'History of the Communist Party of India'.

His wife is Smt. Pankajakshy and they have two sons and two daughters.

Shri. Balaram was a member of Rajya Sabha during 1985-94, when his end came on 16..7..1994, while serving as an MP.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 18..7..1994.



P.K. RAGHAVAN



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Shri. P.K. Raghavan, senior CPI leader was born on 11.10.1109 ME, at Sooranad, as the son of Shri.Kunjathan.

Entering politics even while being a student, he became a member of Central Travancore Karshaka Thozhilali Union, and later in 1953 joined the Communist Party. Shri. Raghavan was active in trade Union field as well, and had served as Secretary, Karshaka Thozhilali Union, General Secretary, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Federation, and Secretary, National Committee of Bharathiya Chethu Mazdoor Union.

Shri Raghavan became elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1967 and 1970 from Pathanapuram constituency as a CPI candidate. In the eighth KLA he represented Vaikom constituency.

Shri. P.K. Raghavan was the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Housing from 4.10.1970 to 24.9.1971 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon. Again, from 2.4.1987 to 17.6.1991, he was the Minister for SC&ST Development, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

He has been a Member, CPI State Secretariat; President, State Karshaka Thozhilali Federation, and General Secretary, Pulayar Maha Sabha.

Smt. P Saraswathy is his wife, and they have one son and two daughters.

Shri P.K. Raghavan expired on 19th August, 2005.



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Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan, renowned Communist leader, was born at Ullala in September 1923 as the son of Shri. Koppuzha . K. Krishnan.

Entering active politics through the students movements and the State Congress, he joined CPI in 1943. During the Diwans' rule he was imprisoned for 16 months and later also, he had to undergo three years imprisonment.

Shri. Sreenivasan was elected to Kerala Assembly in 1960, 1967 and 1970 from Vaikom as a CPI candidate . In 1977 he was elected from Aroor, and in 1980 from Sherthalai. Again, he was elected in 1987 and 1991 from Karunagappally constituency.

Shri. Sreenivasan served as the Minister for Transport and Electricity from 4.10.1970 to 24.9.1971, in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon, and as the Minister for Industries and Forests from 18.11.1978 to 7.10.1979, in the Ministry headed by Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair. Again, from 25.1.1980 to 20.10.1981 he was the Minister for Revenue and Fisheries, and from 26.3.1987 to 17.6.1991, he was the Minister for Revenue and Tourism, in the Ministries headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

During his long political career, Shri. Sreenivasan had served as President, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Federation, Kerala Coir Thozhilali Federation, and Kerala Hospital Employees Association, Treasurer and Secretariat member of Kerala State Council of CPI and as Senate member of Kerala University, for two terms. Besides being the member, Executive of the Kerala State Council of CPI, he had also served as Leader of CPI Parliamentary Party.

Smt. Bharathy is his wife and they have one son.

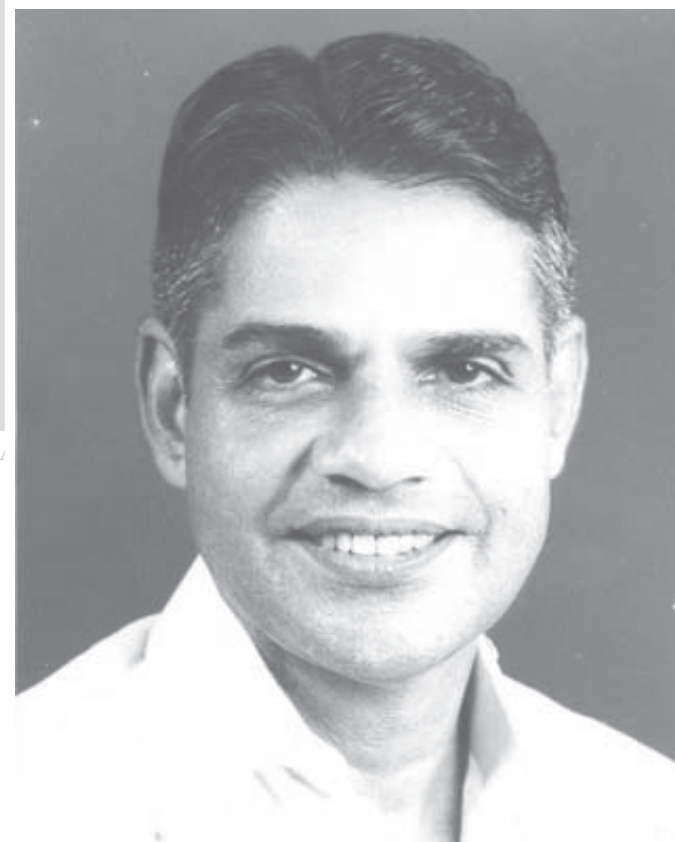
Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan expired on 9.7.1997.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 14.7.1997.



1971

Dr. K.G. ADIYODI



Dr. K.G. Adiyodi, renowned Congress leader, was born at Perampra on January 2, 1927, as the son of Shri. Chandu Kidavu.

A doctor turned political leader, Shri. Adiyodi has secured an LIM from Madras and has been running a hospital at Perampra, since 1951.

Dr. Adiyodi became elected to the 4th KLA in 1970, from Perampra constituency, and also to the 5th KLA in 1977 from the Kalpetta constituency.

Shri. Adiyodi served as the Minister for Food and Forests from 25.9.1971 to 15.5.1972, Minister for Finance from 16.5.1972 to 25.12.1975, and Minister for Forests and Irrigation from 26.12.1975 to 24.3.1977 in the Ministry during that period, headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

An active worker of INC, Dr. Adiyodi had been a member of All India Congress Committee and had also served as Chairman of Public Service Commission.

Smt. Madhavi Kutty Amma is his wife and they have three sons and two daughters.

Dr. Adiyodi expired on 22.10.1987.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 2.11.1987.



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Shri. Vella Eacharan, Congress leader, was born at Alathur on July 9, 1918 as the son of Shri. Vella. After school education and co-operative training from Co-operative Institute, Madras, he was in Government service during 1943-1951. However, he left Government service and entered politics as an active worker of the INC. Actively involved in Harijan upliftment and Bhoodan work, Shri. Eacharan later served as a member of the first and second Lok Sabha.

Shri. Eacharan was subsequently elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, from Trithala constituency and in 1977, from Wandoor constituency .

Shri. Eacharan was the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Community Development from 25.9.1971 to 25.3.1977, in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

He had also held several high positions in different walks of life including serving as President of Depressed class League, Malabar and All India Working Committee member, besides being a member of KPCC and AICC.

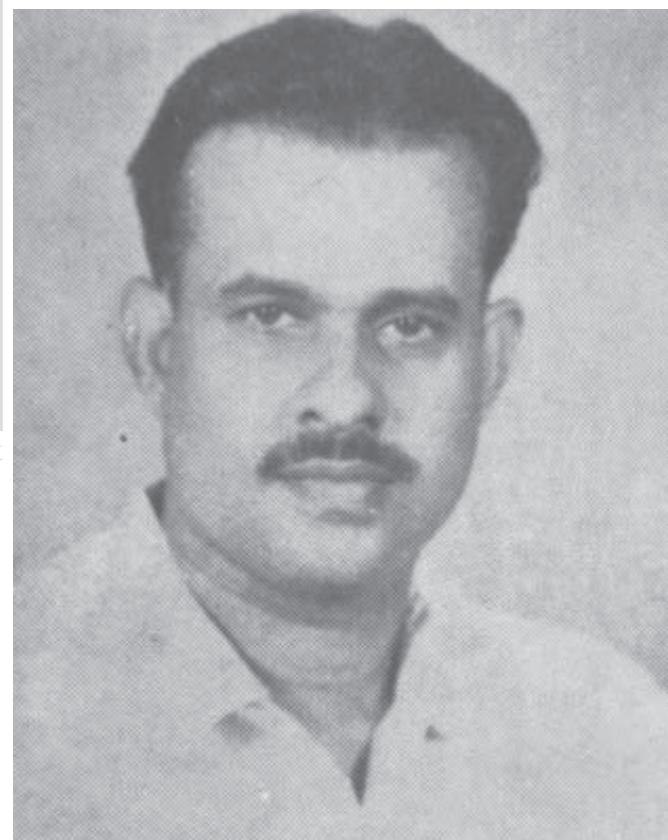
Smt. Lekshmi is his wife and they have three daughters.

Shri. Vella Eacharan expired on 11..2..1980.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 18.2.1980.



K.T. GEORGE



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Shri. K.T. George, lawyer and Congress leader, was born on July 20, 1929.

A leading criminal lawyer of the Parur Bar, he entered active politics in 1954 as an active member of INC, and later became member of KPCC, KPCC Election Committee and AICC. He was also a member of the Kerala University Senate.

Getting elected to the third KLA in 1967 and again to the fourth KLA in 1970 from Parur as a Congress member, Shri. George was Chief Whip of Congress Legislature Party during 1967-69, Chairman of Committee on Estimates during 1970-71 and the Deputy leader of Congress Legislature Party.

Shri. K.T. George held the portfolio of Finance from 25.9.1971 to 3.4.1972 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

His sad end came when he collapsed while speaking on the floor of the House on 3rd April, 1972. He left behind, his wife Smt. Saramma George and three daughters.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 5.4.1972.



VAKKOM B. PURUSHOTHAMAN



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Shri Vakkom B. Purushothaman, veteran Congress leader and Advocate, was born at Vakkom on April 12, 1928 as the son of Shri Bhanu Panicker and Smt. Bhavani .

Beginning his political life as an active worker of students Congress in 1946, he became a member of Vakkom Panchayat in 1953. Later, he served as President, DCC, Thiruvananthapuram, General Secretary, KPCC and Vice – President, KPCC. He has been a member of AICC for over 25 years.

Shri Vakkom Purushothaman became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, 1977, 1980 and 1982 from Attingal Constituency.

Holding the portfolio of Agriculture and Labour from 25-9-1971 to 25-3-1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon, Shri Vakkom Purushothaman was also the Minister for Health and Tourism from 25.1.1980 to 16.10.1981 in the Nayanar Ministry.

Shri Vakkom adorned the Chair of Speaker of the Assembly from 24.6.1982 to 28.12.1984. Subsequently he served as a member of the Lok-Sabha during 1984-89 and 1989 – 91 .

He had served also as Chairman, Committee on Public Undertakings and Committee on Subordinate

Legislation of Parliament besides being the Chairman of the Consultative Committee of Experts to the CIDP of Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva for five years.

Shri Purushothaman has had a remarkable stint also as the Lt. Governor of Andaman and Nicobar Islands for three years from March 1993. He was the leader of the Indian delegation to the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held at Barbados in 1996.

In 2001, he was again elected to the 11th KLA from Attingal constituency, and served as Speaker for the Second time from 6.6.2001 to 4.9.2004. He has been holding the portfolio of Finance and Excise, since 5.9.2004, in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy.

Shri. Vakkom Purushothaman has also had the charge of Chief Minister in the absence of Shri. Oommen Chandy in connection with the meeting of World Economic Forum at Davos in January 2006, and for sometime thereafter, and has acted as Leader of the House during the 14th Session of the XI KLA during February, 2006.

Dr. Lilly Purushothaman is his wife, and they have two sons and one daughter.



1972

PAUL. P. MANI



Shri. Paul. P. Mani, Congress leader, was born on 16th Kumbham 1100 M.E.

Giving up studies in 1942 to participate in the freedom movement, he joined the Indian National Congress the same year. Later, he served as President, Ernakulam DCC, Treasurer, KPCC and Vice President, KPCC.

Getting elected to the Fourth Kerala Legislative Assembly from Trippunithura in 1970, Shri. Paul. P. Mani became the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon, and held the post from 16.5.1972 to 25.3.1977.

He had also served for some time as Chairman, Greater Cochin Development Authority.

Smt. Anna Paul is his wife and they have one son and three daughters.



1973

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Shri. Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty, senior leader of the Muslim League, also has had the distinction of adorning the seats of Minister and Speaker in Kerala. He was born in 1915 as the son of Shri. Moideen Kutty at Cherur, Malappuram.

Starting his political career as a Congress worker in 1932, Shri. Chakkeeri was elected to the Taluk Board, Eranad in the same year. Later, he joined the Muslim League and was elected to the Madras Legislative Assembly in 1952.

Shri. Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty became elected to the first Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1957 from Kuttipuram and subsequently to the third KLA from Malappuram through a bye-election held in 1969. Getting elected to the fourth and fifth KLA subsequently, he again represented Kuttipuram.

Shri. Chakkeeri served as the Minister for Education from 2.3.1973 to 25.3.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon. He graced the Chair of Speaker from 28.3.1977 to 14.2.1980.

During his long political career, he had served as President, Vengara Panchayat, Member, Muslim League State Committee and Working Committee and Secretary, Muslim League Legislature Party. He had also been a delegate to the 23rd Common wealth Parliamentary Conference at Ottawa, in 1977.

His wife is Smt. Safiya and they have 5 sons and 4 daughters.

Shri. Chakkeeri Ahamed Kutty expired on 4.1.1993.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 25.1.1993.



1975

R. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI



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Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai , veteran leader of Kerala congress, was born as the son of Shri. Keezhoottu Raman Pillai, and Smt. Karthiyayani Amma, on 7.4.1934.

After Graduation, Shri. Pillai ventured into the political arena as an active worker of the Students Federation. Later, he served as member, KPCC Executive and AICC during 1958-64. Shri. Pillai was the founder General Secretary of Kerala Congress in 1964. During his long political career, he also served as President of Edamulakkal Panchayat for a long period from 1964 to 1987 and as President of Kottarakara Grama Panchayat during 1987-95.

Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai has been elected to KLA eight times, besides being elected to Parliament. When he was elected to K.L.A for the first time in 1960, he was then the youngest member.

Later in 1971, he was elected to the Lok Sabha and served as leader of Kerala Congress in Parliament. While serving as an MP, he became the Minister for Transport-Excise and Jails in 1975, in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon.

In 1977 Shri. Pillai was again elected to the Assembly and since then he has been representing Kottarakara constituency seven times consecutively, till the 11th KLA. During this period, he served as

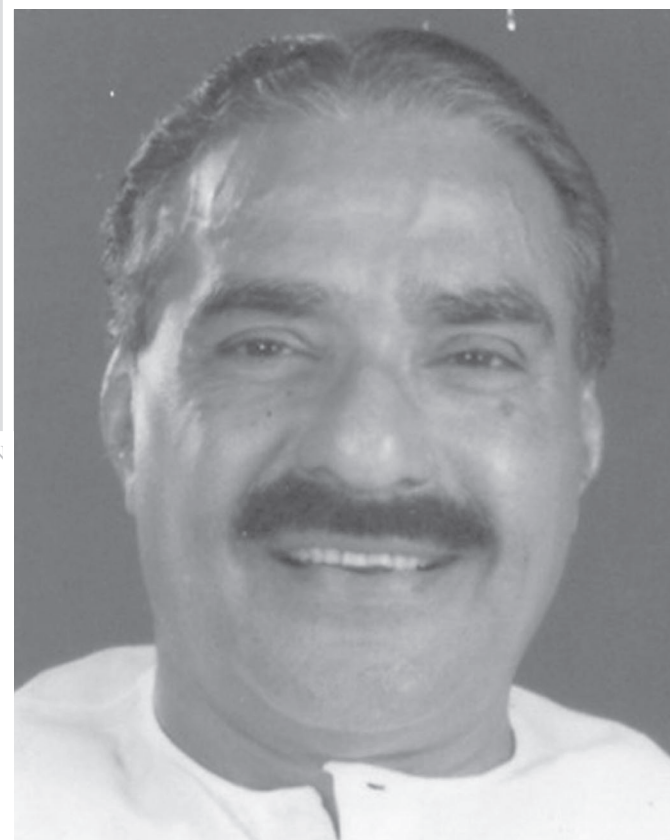
the Minister for Electricity from 25.1.80 to 20.10.81 in the Ministry headed by Sri. E.K. Nayanar, from 24.5.82 to 5.6.85 and from 25.5.86 to 25.3.87 in the Ministry headed by Sri. K. Karunakaran. He was again the Minister for Transport from 24.6.91 to 16.3.95 in the Karunakaran Ministry. From 22.3.95 to 28.7.95 and from 10.3.2003 to 29.8.2004, Shri Pillai was the Minister for Transport and Railways in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Apart from his long career as a Minister, Shri Pillai has also served as the Chairman of House Committee way back in 1962-63. Currently, he is the leader of the K.C. (B) in the KLA and the Chairman of the Party .

He is married to Smt. R. Valsala and they have two daughters and one son. His son Shri K.B. Ganesh Kumar was the Minister for Transport in the A.K. Antony Ministry during 2001-03.



K.M. MANI



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Shri.K.M.Mani, veteran Kerala Congress leader, is one of the senior-most Legislators and Ministers in our State. He was born as the son of Shri. Thomas Mani and Smt Alyamma on 30th January 1933 at Marangattupalli, Palai.

After completing his Bachelors Degree in Law, he started practice as an Advocate at Calicut under the tutelage of Shri. P.Govinda Menon, who later became the Judge of Kerala High Court. Shri. Mani later shifted his practice to Palai, and in the meanwhile, he turned to active politics and social work.

Shri. Mani who has been representing Palai Constituency from the 3rd KLA to 11th KLA without any break, holds the record of getting elected from the same Constituency in nine elections continuously totalling a period of almost 40 years, from 1967 till date. Shri. Mani has been a Minister for 18 years and as the Finance Minister, he has presented 8 Budgets.

His Ministerial assignment begins on 26.12.1975, when he took charge as the Finance Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri. C.Achutha Menon. He held the post till 25.3.1977. In the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran, he was the Home Minister from 11.04.1977 to 25.04.1977 and continued to hold the same portfolio in the A.K.Antony Ministry from 27.04.1977 to 21.12.1977 and from

16.09.1978 to 27.10.1978. He was again the Home Minister in the Ministry headed by Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair from 29.10.1978 to 7.10.1979. From 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 he handled the portfolio of Finance and Law in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K.Nayanar. He continued as Minister for Finance and Law in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982, and again from 24.05.1982 to 15.05.1986. Later, he was the Minister for Irrigation and Law, from 16.05.1986 to 25.03.1987 in the same Ministry.

In the subsequent Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran and Shri. A.K. Antony, he was the Minister for Revenue and Law from 24.6.1991 to 16.03.1995 and from 22.03.1995 to 09.05.1996 respectively. He was the Minister for Revenue and Law in the A.K.Antony Ministry from 17.5.2001 to 29.08.2004 and continues to handle the same portfolio in the present Ministry headed by Shri.Oommen Chandy since 31.08.2004.

During his long political career, he has at different times been General Secretary, DCC Kottayam, founder member and General Secretary of Kerala Congress, Chairman of Kerala Congress (M), besides being the leader of Kerala Congress Legislature Party in the Assembly .

A gifted writer, he has authored many books also, "Fiscal Problems of Kerala-Causes and Remedial Measures", "The People's Socialism", "The Eighth Five year Plan-an Alternative Approach", "Doctrine of Toiling Class", "The Economic Development of Kerala", "Toiling Class Theory" and "Political and Economic Studies" to name just a few.

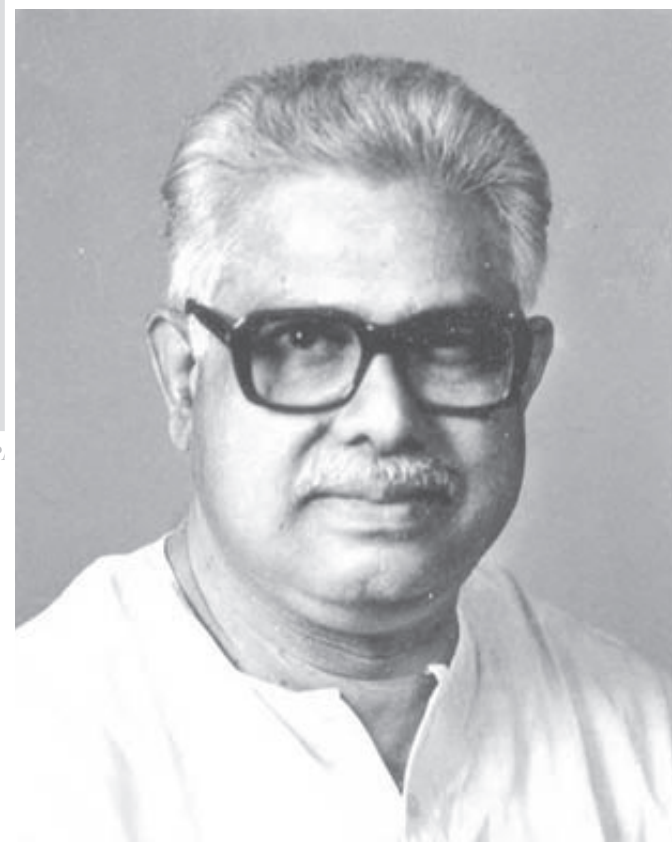
Smt. Annamma Mani is his wife and they have one son and five daughters.



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K. PANKAJAKSHAN

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Shri. K. Pankajakshan, veteran R.S.P leader, was born in 1928 at Pettah as the son of Shri. M. Kesavan.

Beginning his long political career in 1945 by joining the Travancore Students Congress, he became a sympathizer of Congress Socialist movement and actively participated in the national movement under the leadership of the State Congress.

Later, he joined the Kerala Socialist Party at the early period of its formation and participated in the agitations for the release of Punnappra-Vayalar Comrades from prison, and student's agitations. He was imprisoned many times in connection with these agitations and trade union struggles. After the rift in the KSP, he joined the RSP.

Shri. Pankajakshan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970 from Trivandrum II and again in 1977 from Trivandrum-West constituency. In 1980, 1982 and 1987 he was elected from Aryanadu constituency.

Shri. Pankajakshan was the Minister for Works from 4..2..1976 to 25..3..1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon. Again he was the Minister for Works from April, 1977 to October 1979 in

the Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran Shri. A.K. Antony and Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair. From 2..4..1987 to 17..6..1991 he was the Minister for Labour in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

Shri. Pankajakshan has also been the Government Chief Whip and the Chief Whip of Opposition parties in the Assembly.

He has also served at different times, as President of the Kerala Sports Council and Kerala Volley Ball Association.

A member of the State and Central Committees of RSP, he is now the General Secretary of RSP.

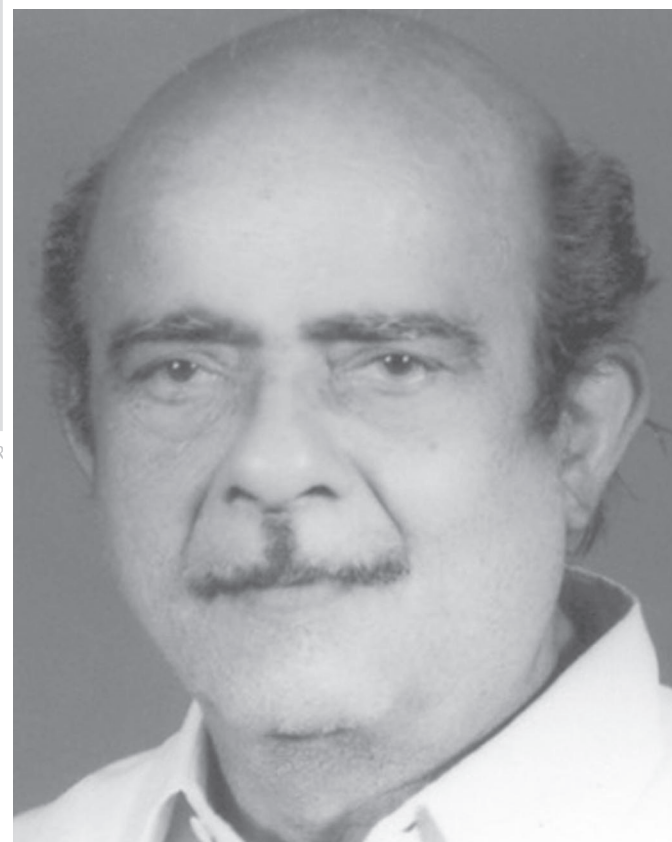
Smt. C. Vijayanthy is his wife and they have 2 sons and one daughter.



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K. NARAYANA KURUP

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Shri. K. Narayana Kurup, veteran leader, Advocate and Professor, was born on October 23, 1927 at Karukachal as the son of Shri. K. P. Krishnan Nair and Smt. Kuttiyamma.

After completing education in Travancore, Madras, Bombay and Pune Universities, Shri. Kurup enrolled as an Advocate in 1954. Later he became a Lecturer and subsequently, Professor in colleges under the management of NSS. He also served as the President of Karukachal Panchayat for over 23 years.

His long legislative career begins in 1954, when he was elected as a Member of Travancore-Cochin Legislative Assembly.

Shri. Kurup was subsequently elected to the 2nd KLA as a Congress candidate in a bye-election from Vazhoor held on 16.10.1963. Again in 1970, 1977, 1991, 1996 and 2001 he was elected from Vazhoor Constituency as a Kerala Congress Member.

Shri. Narayana Kurup was the Minister for Transport from January 1977 to October 1979 in the four Ministries headed by Shri. C. Achutha Menon, Shri. K Karunakaran, Shri. A.K.Antony and Shri. P.K.Vasudevan Nair.

In the 9th KLA he was the Deputy Speaker from 19.7.1991 to 14.5.1996. Shri. Kurup performed the duties of the Office of Speaker from May 4, 1995 to June 26, 1995. Earlier, he has also served as the Chairman of Petitions Committee during 1973-76 and House Committee during 1976-77.

Shri. Narayana Kurup has been a member of Kerala University Senate for several years besides being the President of Changanassery Circle Co-operative Union.

Smt. Leela Devi is his wife and they have 4 sons and 3 daughters.



K.K. BALAKRISHNAN



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Shri. K.K. Balakrishnan, senior Congress leader, was born at Nedupuzha on June 20, 1927 as the son of Shri. Karappakutty.

Entering public life while a student, as a worker of the Indian National Congress, he later became Executive member, KPCC, Member, AICC and Organising Secretary, Kerala INTUC.

Shri. Balakrishnan became elected to the Travancore – Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1954 and subsequently to the Second Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1960 from Chalakudy, as an INC candidate. In 1970, 1977 and 1980 he was elected from Chelakkara, in 1982 from Trithala and in 1991 from Vaikom constituency.

Shri Balakrishnan served as the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Irrigation during 1977 –78, in the Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran and Shri. A.K. Antony. Later, from 24.5.1982 to 29.8.1983, he was the Minister for Transport, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

During a long public life, Shri. Balakrishnan had served as Chief Whip, Congress Legislature Party, Convenor, Opposition Parties Joint Executive Committee, and Chairman, Committee on the Welfare of SC and ST during 1973-74, and 1979-81. Besides, he was the General Secretary and later President,

State Depressed class League, Director, District Co-operative Bank, Trichur, Member, Agricultural Production Committee, and Calicut University Senate.

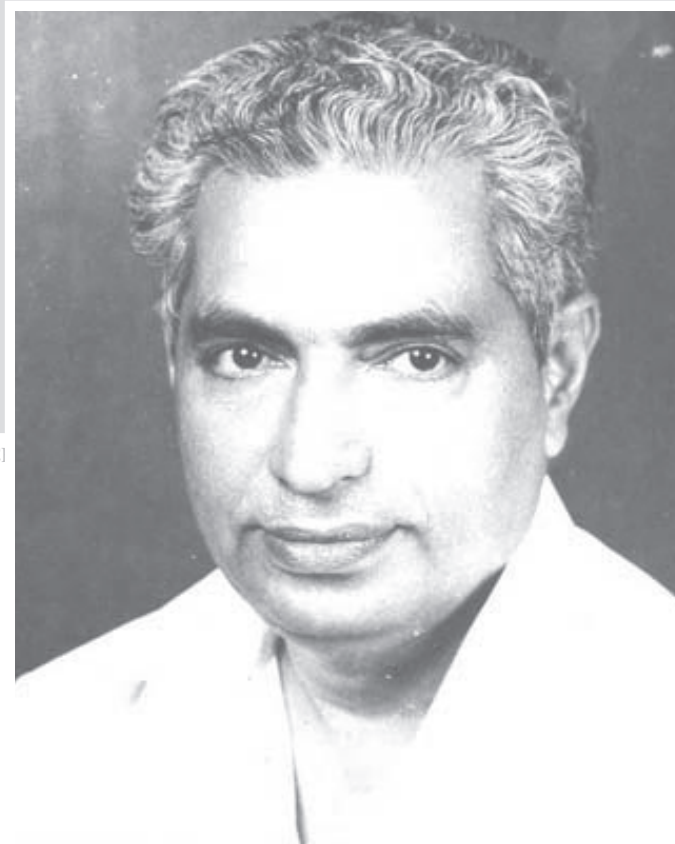
The late Smt. P.C. Rugmini was his wife and they have one son and four daughters.

Shri. K.K. Balakrishnan expired on 31.8.2000.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 21.12.2000.



J. CHITHARANJAN



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Shri. J. Chitharanjan, renowned CPI leader, was born on October 22, 1927, at Kollam as the son of Shri. C. Janardhanan.

Entering politics through students movements, he became the General Secretary and later, the President of Travancore Students Union during the late forties. He joined the Communist Party in 1944, and served as Joint Secretary, AISF and Secretary, Quilon Division Committee of CPI.

Shri. Chitharanjan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977 and 1980 from Chathanoor and again in 1987 from Punalur as a CPI candidate.

Shri Chitharanjan was the Minister for Public Health during 1977-78 in the Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, Shri. A.K. Antony and Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair.

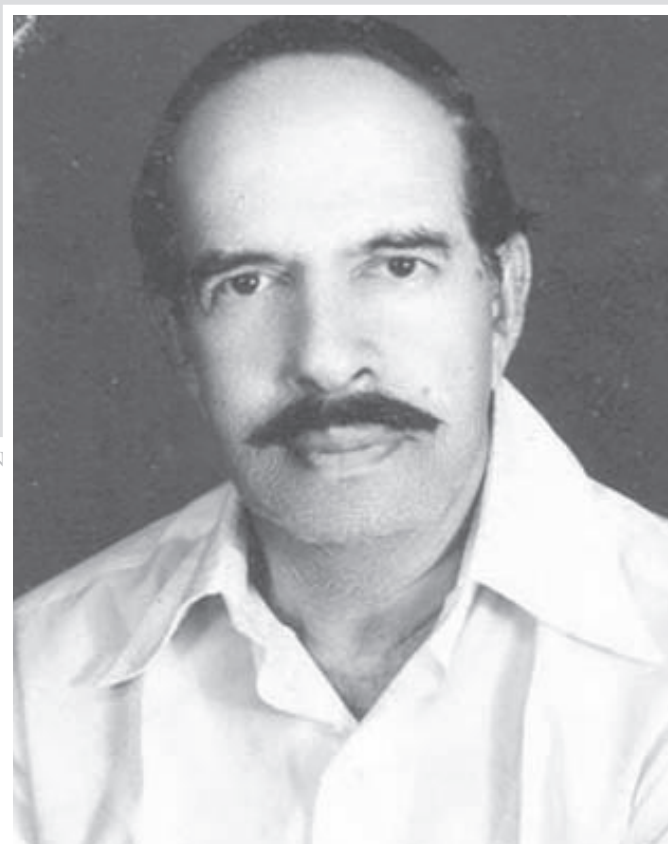
Shri. Chitharanjan had also been a member of Rajya Sabha during 1997-2003 .

Shri. Chitharanjan has also at different times, been Member, State Committee of CPI, General Secretary, Kerala Unit of AITUC, Vice President, AITUC and Member, National Council of CPI.

Smt. L. Ambika is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.



M.K. HEMACHANDRAN



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Shri. M.K. Hemachandran, Advocate and Congress leader, was born on January 6, 1925 at Puthuppally as the son of Shri. P.K. Panicker. Becoming a part of State Congress movement as a student, he served later in the Indian Military for five years, during the Second World War.

Returning to active politics, Shri Hemachandran held important positions in the party including Member, Pradesh Congress Committee during 1958, General Secretary and later President, Quilon DCC, Treasurer, KPCC and General Secretary, KPCC.

Shri Hemachandran became elected to the 5th Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977, contesting from Aranmula constituency as an INC candidate.

Shri. Hemachandran was the Minister for Finance from 11.4.1977 to 25.4.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran and held the same portfolio from 27.4.1977 to 27.10.1978, in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

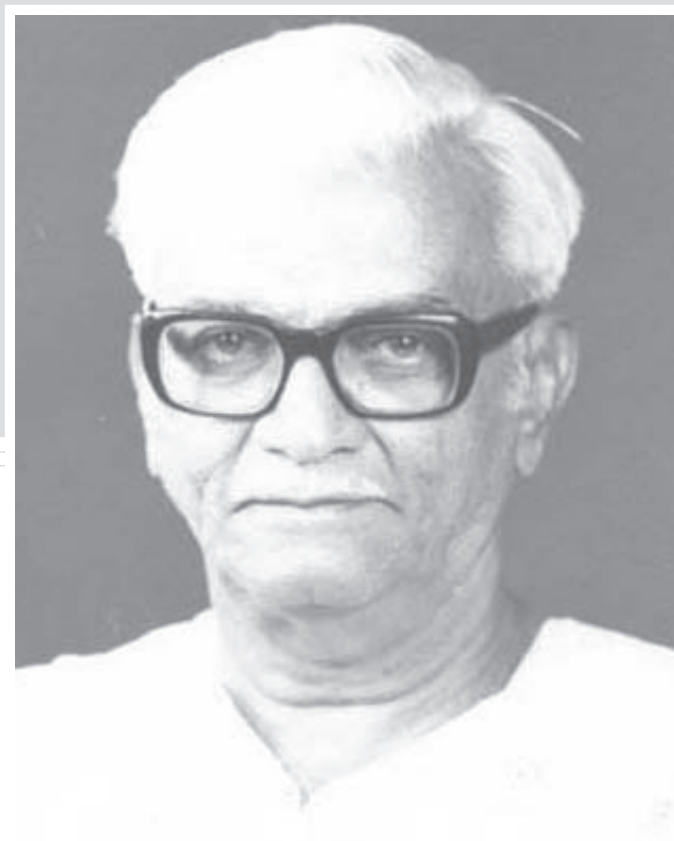
He had also served at different times, as Chairman, Kerala Public Service Commission, Chairman, KFC, Member, Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board and Member, State Prohibition Board.

Shri. Hemachandran expired on 27.1.1998.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 23.4.1998.



E. JOHN JACOB



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Shri. E. John Jacob, renowned Kerala Congress leader, was born on August 23, 1913 at Trivandrum, as the son of Shri. E. Jacob John.

After serving as a Merchant Navy Officer, during 1927-40, and Commissioned Officer in the Indian Army during 1942-44, Shri. Jacob entered active politics as a Founder Member of Kerala Congress, later becoming its Vice-Chairman and Chairman.

Shri John Jacob was elected to the Kerala Assembly in 1967, 1970 and 1977 from Tiruvalla constituency as a Kerala Congress Member.

He was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from 11.4.1977 to 25.4.1977 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran. In the subsequent Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony also, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies from 27.4.1977 to 26.9.1978.

Besides serving as President of Akhila Kerala Karshaka Federation and Kuttanadu Agricultural Co-operative Society, he was closely associated with the welfare activities of the National Christian Council.

Smt. Saramma Jacob is his wife and they have four sons and one daughter.

Shri. John Jacob expired on 26.9.1978 while serving as a Minister.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 19.2.1979.



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Shri. Kanthalot Kunhambu, renowned Communist leader, was born at Pappinisserry on December 8, 1916 as the son of Shri. Pokkan.

Entering politics by joining the Congress in 1932, he was actively involved in trade union activities. Shri. Kunhambu was arrested and imprisoned in connection with the strike in Aaron Company in 1940, and later in 1946, charge-sheeted in the Karivalloor Police firing case. He was incriminated in several other cases also and detained in Cannanore Central Jail and Salem Jail during the early fifties. He had to spend about two years underground and had to undergo imprisonment for a total period of about five years. While in Salem jail he had also been hit by a bullet in a police firing there on February 11, 1950, which had then caused the death of 22 persons.

Shri. Kunhambu who had worked also as a Congress Volunteer from 1932 to 1940, joined Communist Party of India later.

Shri. Kunhambu became elected to the fifth KLA from Nadapuram as a CPI candidate.

He had served as Minister for Forests from 11.4.1977 to 18.11.1978 in three Ministries headed by Shri. K.Karunakaran, Shri. A.K.Antony and Shri. P.K.Vasudevan Nair.

Shri. Kunhambu had also served as State Secretary, Karshaka Sangham and Vice-President, Kerala Karshaka Thozhilali Union.

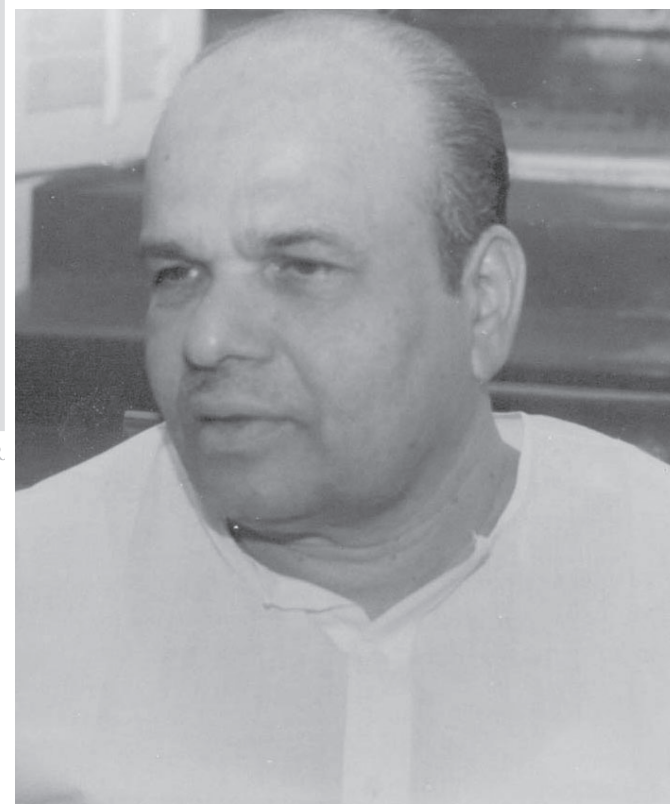
Smt. P. Yesodha is his wife.

Shri. Kunhambu expired on 16..1..2004.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 5..2..2004.



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Shri. K.Sankaranarayanan, veteran Congress leader, was born on 15th October, 1932 as the son of Shri. A.Sankaran Nair and Smt. K.Lekshmi Amma.

He entered politics while a student, and had been an active member of the Students Organisation since 1946.

Shri. Sankaranarayanan became elected to 5th KLA from Thrithala, 6th KLA from Sreekrishnapuram, 8th KLA from Ottappalam and later, also to the 11th KLA, from Palghat constituency as Indian National Congress member.

From 11.04.1977 to 25.4.1977 he handled the portfolios of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development and Community Development, in the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran.From 27.4.1977 to 27.10.1978, he handled the same portfolios in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K.Antony. Again from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004, he was the Minister for Finance in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K.Antony. He held the portfolios of Excise as well, till 10.2.2004.

From 1989 to 1991 he served also as the Chairman of Committee on Public Accounts and from 1980 to 1982 he was the Chairman of Committee on Government Assurances. And from 1985 to 2001, he was the Convenor of the UDF.

Alongwith, he held various positions in the party as Secretary, District Congress Committee, President, KPCC(O), General Secretary, KPCC, Member, All India Working Committee, and Member, Parliamentary Board Congress (O).

His wife is Prof. K. Radha and they have one daughter.



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P J. JOSEPH



Shri. P.J. Joseph, renowned leader and Chairman of Kerala Congress, was born on 10.6.1942 at Purapuzha, as the son of Shri. P.O. Joseph. Associated with agricultural and social activities since 1967, he had joined the Kerala Congress in 1968.

Shri. Joseph became elected to the 4th KLA from Thodupuzha constituency as a Kerala Congress member and continued to represent the same constituency in the 5th 6th, 7th, 8th and 10th KLA.

Shri P.J. Joseph held the portfolio of Home Affairs from 16. 1. 1978 to 15.9.1978 in the A.K. Antony Ministry. In the Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran he was the Minister for Revenue and Education from 28.12.1981 to 17.3.1982 and the Minister for Revenue and Housing from 24.5.1982 to 25.3.1987. From 20.5.1996 to 13-5-2001 he was the Minister for Education and Works in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

Shri. P.J. Joseph also served as the Syndicate member of Kerala University and was the Chairman of Gandhiji Study Center. Though preoccupied with political responsibilities, he is interested in floriculture, farming and agriculture. He is a good singer as well

Dr. Santha Joseph is his wife and they have three sons and one daughter.



U.A. BEERAN



Shri. U.A. Beeran, senior Muslim League leader, was born at Kottakkal on March 9, 1925 as the son of Shri. Ahamed.

After serving in the Indian Army during the forties, and later working in a British engineering firm in Bombay in the early fifties, he joined the Muslim League and became its Kozhikode District Secretary, and later State Secretary.

Shri. Beeran became elected to the Assembly in 1970, 1977, 1980, 1982 and 1991 as a Muslim League candidate.

Shri. Beeran served as the Minister for Education and Social Welfare from 27.1.1978 to 3.10.1978 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. Again, from 24.5.1982 to 25.3.1987, he was the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

He was also the Chairman, Library Advisory Committee during 1970-71, House Committee during 1979-81 and Committee on Subordinate Legislation during 1991- 94.

Shri. Beeran has served as Director, State Co-operative Bank, and Chairman, Kerala Fishermen Welfare

Corporation. A former Sub Editor and Asst. Editor of “Chandrika” and a gifted writer, he has also authored “Arab World and Europe” besides publishing other books and articles. He had also served for sometime as State Executive Member, “All Kerala Sahitya Parishad”.

Smt. A.P. Katheejabi is his wife and they have four sons and two daughters.

Shri. U.A. Beeran passed away on 31.5.2001.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 5.7.2001.



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Shri. T.S. John, who has had the distinction of adorning the Chairs of Speaker and Minister, was born on 21-10-1939 at Kaviyoor, as the son of Shri. Mathai.

An active member of students movements while at SB College, Changanachery, he subsequently became a Member of Kaviyoor Panchayat.

A lawyer by profession, Shri. John who is one of the founder members of Kerala Congress became elected to KLA from Kalloppa constituency, four times. He became a Member of the Assembly for the first time, when he was elected to the 4th KLA as a Kerala Congress Member. Later, he was elected to the 5th, 7th and 10th KLA.

He graced the Chair of Speaker of the 4th Kerala Legislative Assembly for a short period from 17-2-1976 to 25-3-1977.

Shri. T.S. John also served as the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies from 19-10-1978 to 27-10-1978 in the A.K.Antony Ministry. In the reconstituted Ministry that followed under the leadership of Shri.P.K.Vasudevan Nair, he continued to be the Minister for Food & Civil Supplies, for the period from 29-10-1978 to 7-10-1979.

Shri. John is presently the Working Chairman of Kerala Congress (Secular)
His wife is Smt. Aleykutty and they have a son.



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Sri. Damodaran Kalassery, a leading social worker and journalist, was born on 8th March 1930.

After school education, he had joined the Indian defence service and had served for two years. Entering public life as a worker of INC, he devoted himself for upliftment of Harijans and Adivasis in rural areas.

Shri. Kalassery became elected as a Member of KLA for the first time from Pandalam SC constituency in 1970, in the IVth KLA. He was again elected from the same constituency in 1977.

Shri. Kalassery served as the Minister for Harijan Welfare and Community Development in the P.K.Vasudevan Nair Ministry, from 29.10.1978 to 7.10.1979.

A member of KPCC and AICC for several years, Shri Kalassery was also its Joint Secretary and Vice President. He was also member of many of State and District Advisory Committees constituted by the Government.

Shri Kalassery is presently the General Secretary of Bharatiya Depressed Classes League, Kerala State Committee. He is also the Editor, Printer and Publisher of 'Rashtra Sabdam' fortnightly.

Smt. M.A. Bhanumathy is his wife and they have two sons and three daughters.



A.L. JACOB



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Shri. A.L. Jacob, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Ligory Jacob on 19.4.1911.

Becoming a member of INC in 1932 he had participated actively in the Freedom movement and Quit India Movement, and had also to undergo arrest and imprisonment in this connection. He had been elected to the Kochi Legislative Assembly in 1948. After the integration of Travancore and Cochin, he also continued as a member of the Travancore -Cochin Legislative Assembly from 1949 to 1951.

Shri. A.L. Jacob became elected to the first KLA from Ernakulam Constituency as a member of Indian National Congress. He continued to represent Ernakulam constituency from the 2nd to 7th Legislative Assembly except the 3rd KLA.

Shri. A.L.Jacob held the portfolio of Agriculture in the Ministry headed by Shri.P.K.Vasudevan Nair from 29.10.1978 to 7.10.1979. In the Ministry headed by Shri. K.Karunakaran, he was the Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries from 1.9.1983 to 25.3.1987.

He had also served for some time, as President of KPCC.

During a long public life, he had served in different walks of life. He had served as Member, Kerala

University Senate and Cochin University Senate. He had also been a member of Kerala Sports council and Founder President of All Kerala Weight Lifting Association.

Shri Jacob was very much active in the social and cultural field as well. He also received the Papal honour 'Bene Merendi' in 1959.

His wife is Smt. Philomina Jacob. They have 5 sons and 3 daughters.

Shri. A.L. Jacob expired at the age of 84 on 20.9.1995.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 6.3.1996.



M.K. RAGHAVAN



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Shri. M.K. Raghavan , successful lawyer and senior Congress leader , was born as the son of Shri M.I. Kuttan on September 20, 1917.

Starting life as a lawyer in the Ernakulam District Court in 1942, he joined Trade Union Movement in 1946, and formed the Cochin Turamugha Thozilali Union of Cochin Port and Dock Workers. He subsequently became one of the founder members of All India Port and Dock Workers Federation too, in 1952.

In 1943, Shri. Raghavan got elected to Mattancheri Municipal Council and became its Chairman in 1956. He was also the first secretary of the Chamber of Municipal Chairmen. Shri Raghavan became elected to the fourth Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time from Njarakkal constituency as a Congress (R) candidate in 1970. Again, he was elected from Shertalai constituency in 1977 as an INC candidate.

Shri. Raghavan held the portfolio of Labour and Housing from 29.10.1978 to 7.10.1979 in the P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry.

During his tenure as member, he had served as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members'

Bills and Resolutions from 1973 to 1974, Committee on Government Assurances from 1974 to 1975 and Committee on Public undertakings from 1977 to 1978.

Shri. Raghavan has also held important party positions and was the Chief Whip of Congress Legislature Party and Member of the AICC.

As one very much active in the social field as well, he had served for sometime as the President of the S.N.D.P. Yogam.

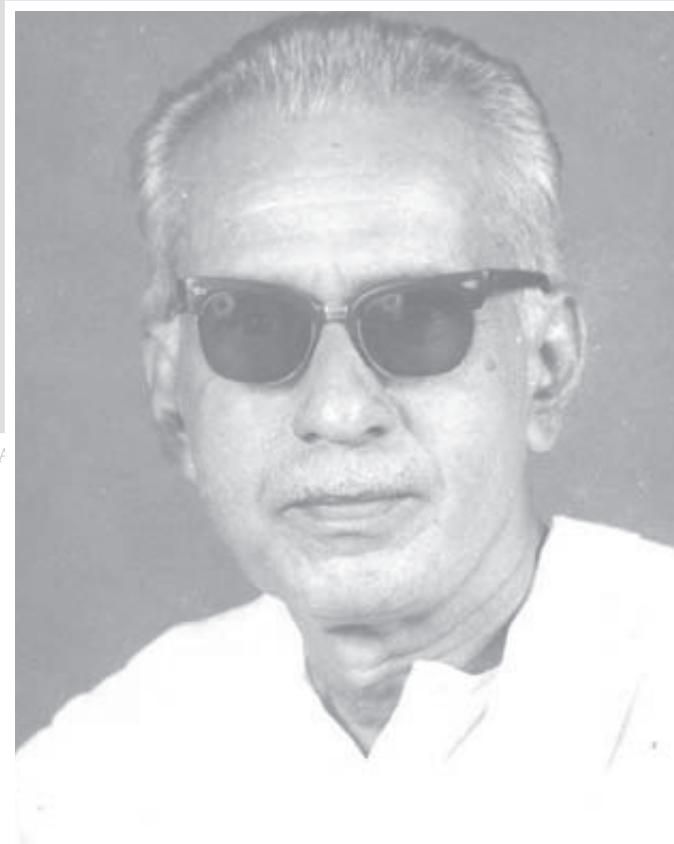
Smt. K. Anandalakshmi is his wife and they have three daughters.

Shri. M.K. Raghavan , expired on 20th December 1994.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on March 30, 1995.



S. VARADARAJAN NAIR



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Shri. S. Varadarajan Nair, veteran Congress leader, was born on 28-10-1914 as the son of Shri. P. Rajagopalachary.

He had actively participated in the freedom movement.

Entering politics as an active member of INC in 1943, he had also been detained in 1947.

He became the Mayor of Trivandrum city Corporation subsequently from 1947 to 1948..

Shri Varadarajan Nair was elected to the 4th KLA from Vilappil constituency, as Congress (R) candidate and to the 5th KLA as Indian National Congress member, from Nemom constituency.

In the Ministry headed by Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair, he was the Minister for Finance from 29-10-1978 to 7-10-1979.

He held important positions in the Congress as DCC President and Vice-President, KPCC. He attended the ILO session at Geneva as the workers' representative. Shri. Nair had also served as President, INTUC, KSRTC Workers Union and the Sramic Congress .

His wife is Smt. Kamamma and they have 3 daughters and 2 sons.

Shri S. Varadarajan Nair expired on 14.10.1989.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 23.1.1990.



K.P. PRABHAKARAN



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Shri K.P. Prabhakaran, veteran Communist leader, was born as the son of Shri. Paran on 17th September 1926 at Manalur.

Even from his school days he took part in several students agitations as a member of All India Students Federation.

He joined CPI in 1942 and became its active worker. Shri. Prabhakaran participated in several agitations of Chethu Thozhilali Unions, especially in Anthikkad. Besides, he took leading role in the struggle of coir workers at Kandassankadavu in 1955 and participated in Trade Union activities of many industrial concerns in Thrissur District. When the Communist Party was banned, he was engaged in underground activities of the party, and had to spend three and a half years in jail during that time. He was awarded "Thamra Pathram" in 1972 in honour of his active participation in the Freedom Movement during 1942-47.

Shri. Prabhakaran had previously been elected to Travancore –Cochin Legislative Assembly in 1952 from Manalur. He was subsequently elected to KLA in 1977 from Cherpu constituency, and was the Minister for Public Health and Electricity from 18-11-1978 to 7-10-1979 in the

P.K. Vasudevan Nair Ministry. In the VIth and VIIth KLA also he was elected as a member from Cherpu constituency as a CPI candidate.

During a long public life, he held several party positions as well. He is a Member of CPI State Executive Committee, AITUC General Council, and Vice-President of KSTUC. He has served as Joint Secretary and later, as President of Anthikkad Chethu Thozhilali Union. He was also Member, Director Board of Thrissur Taluk Toddy Producers' Societies, Kerala Toddy Workers' Welfare Fund Board and Thrissur Taluk Co-operative Union. Shri. Prabhakaran also served as the Secretary, Thrissur District Kera Karshaka Sanghom from 1966 to 1981, later becoming its President too.

Smt. K.R. Karthiayani is his wife and they have five sons. His son Shri. K.P. Rajendran is the leader of the CPI Legislature party in the XI KLA.



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N. BHASKARAN NAIR



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Sri. N.Bhaskaran Nair, a leading figure of the N.S.S. and a social worker, was born as the son of Shri. Neelakanta Pillai on 10th July 1919.

A law graduate, he had started life as a consulting lawyer. Sri. Bhaskaran Nair started his political career as an active Congress worker. He had also contested General Elections as PSP candidate in 1951 and had taken leading part in the “Liberation struggle” too later.

Shri. Nair became elected for the first time as a member in the IInd K.L.A in 1960 representing Changanachery constituency. Later, joining the N.D.P he became its representative in the 5th K.L.A, elected from Mavelikara constituency in 1977.

Shri. Nair held the portfolio of Finance and Health in the C.H. Muhammed Koya Ministry from 12.10.1979 to 1.12.1979.

He also served as the Chairman of the Estimates Committee during 1964-1965 and chaired the Petitions Committee from 1977 to 1979 .

He had been elected as Changanacherry Municipal Councillor, and had also served as Board member and Treasurer of N.S.S. Besides, he served for sometime as President of Thiruvithamcore Devaswam Board.

He had also participated in the MRA World Conference in 1962.

Smt. Ammini Amma is his wife and they have two sons and three daughters.

Shri. Bhaskaran Nair expired on 30.8.1998.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 26.2.1999.



K.J. CHACKO



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Shri. K.J.Chacko, senior Kerala Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Joseph on 3rd March 1930.

A law graduate, Shri.Chacko began his political career in his student days, as an activist of the Indian National Congress. He had been detained in prison for participating in students movement in 1959. He had been elected to the Changanassery Municipal Council and served as the Chairman from 1962 to 1967. He joined the Kerala Congress at its inception in 1964.

Shri. Chacko became elected for the first time as a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970, from Changanassery. He was again elected to the KLA in 1977 from the same constituency.

Shri Chacko was the Minister for Revenue and Co-operation from 16.11.1979 to 1.12.1979 in the C.H.Mohamed Koya Ministry.

Shri. Chacko had also served as the Chairman of the Petitions Committee from 1974 to 1975.

Smt. P.U.Thressiakutty is his wife and they have one son and three daughters.



Prof. K.A. MATHEW



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Prof. K.A. Mathew, renowned teacher and leader of Kerala Congress, was born as the son of Shri. K.I. Abraham at Eraviperoor on 28th February 1934. A Post Graduate, he had served for long as the Principal, St. Thomas College, Ranni., for a long period.

Starting his political career as a Member of Indian National Congress, Prof. Mathew later joined the Kerala Congress from its inception in 1964.

Prof. Mathew was elected for the first time as a Member of Vth KLA from Ranni Constituency in 1977. He was again elected from Kalloppara constituency in 1980.

He was the Minister for Industries and Forest, from 16..11..1979 to 1..12..1979 in the C.H. Mohammed Koya Ministry.

Prof. Mathew had served as a Member of Kerala University Senate in 1969 and had attended Lions' International Convention in Atlanta City, USA in 1970 as a delegate from India. A keen lover of sports, he was also Captain of Aligarh University Basket Ball Team in 1956, earlier.

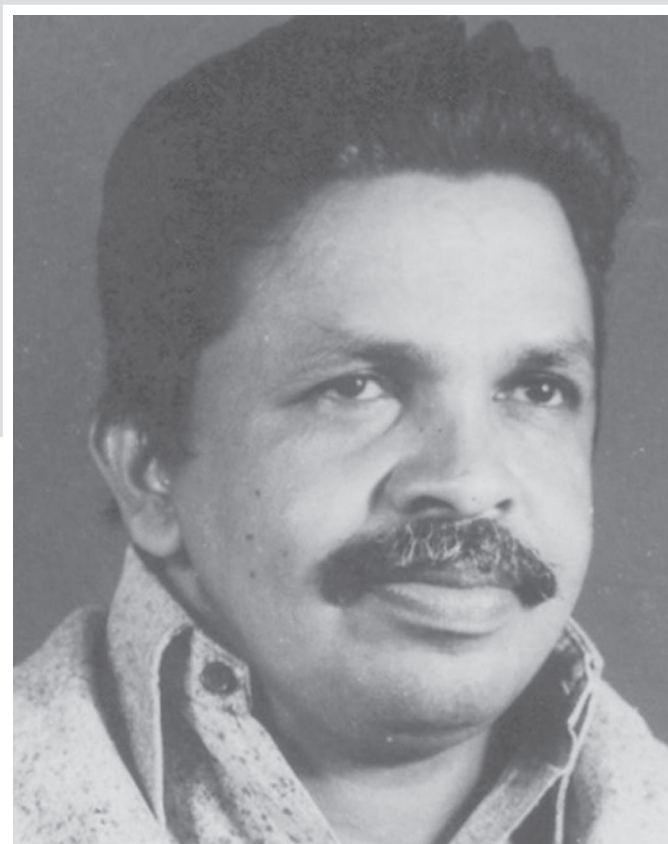
Smt. Rajamma Mathew is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.

Prof. Mathew expired on 28..1..1991.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 7..3..1991.



DR. A. NEELALOHITHADASAN NADAR



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Dr. A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar, senior Janatha Dal leader, was born as the son of Shri. K.P. Appi Nadar and Smt. A. Kunjulekshmy on 28th August 1947. A Law graduate, he holds a Doctorate in Hindi as well.

Taking an active interest in political affairs even during his student days, he joined Indian National Congress in 1964, became the KSU District Secretary in 1967-68 and later its President. He was Member of State Youth Congress Committee in 1968 and became its President in 1969. Besides, he was a member of KPCC and AICC. He also served as Chairman, Kerala University Union in 1972.

During the emergency period he left INC and associated in the formation of the Congress For Democracy and became its State President. Subsequently he joined the Janatha Party when CFD merged with the Janatha Party. Later, he became the Parliamentary Party Leader and State Chairman of DSP. When the name of DSP was changed as Lok Dal, he became its Member, National Standing Committee and also State President.

Shri. Neelalohithadasan Nadar became elected to KLA for the first time in 1977 from Kovalam constituency. Again he was elected to KLA in 1987, 1996 and 2001 from the same constituency. He

had been elected to KLA in 1991 too from Kovalam; however the election was declared void by the Kerala High Court on 11-12-1991.

Dr. Neelalohithadasan Nadar held the portfolio of Law, Electricity, Irrigation, Labour and Housing in the C.H. Mohammed Koya Ministry from 16-11-1979 to 1-12-1979. He also held the Office of the Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 2-4-1987 to 17-6-1991 and the Minister for Forests and Transport in Nayanar Ministry from 20-1-1999 to 13-2-2000.

Shri. Neelalohithadasan Nadar also had a remarkable stint as Member of Lok Sabha from 1980 to 1984.

Also as the founder of “Kamaraj Foundation of India “ in 1976, he worked as its Chairman and was Member of State Library Council too. He worked as Manager, Printer and Publisher of the monthly “Yagadeepam”. He started “Gandhian Balakendras” in 1987 and worked as its Chief Patron.

He has been the Janatha Dal Legislature Party leader besides being a Member of Janatha Dal National Executive Committee. Earlier, he was also its State Secretary General, till 1999.

Smt. Jameela Prakasham is his wife and they have two daughters.



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P.M. ABUBACKER



Shri. P.M. Abubacker, senior leader of the Muslim League, was born on 1.7.1932 as the son of Shri. V.C. Mohammed Koya.

Entering public life through Muslim Students Federation, he was Kozhikode District Secretary and State Joint Secretary of Muslim League. He was also a Councillor of Calicut Corporation for more than a decade, from 1962 to 1974, and had served twice as its Deputy Mayor .

Shri. Abubacker became elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the Third Kerala Legislative Assembly from Calicut constituency, as a Muslim League candidate. He was again elected to the 5th, 6th and 7th KLA from Calicut and to the 8th and 9th KLA from Koduvally and Guruvayoor constituency respectively. Shri. Abubacker resigned his membership from 9th KLA on 9.4.1994.

In the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar, Shri. Abubacker was the Minister for Public works from 25.1.1980 to 20.10.1981.

He had also served for a term as Chairman of the Committee on Estimates from 1991 to 1994.

During a long public life, he also served as a Member of the Calicut University Senate, Member, Khadi

Board, President, Mavoor Gwalior Rayons STU and Vice Chairman, Kerala State Financial Enterprises , besides holding important positions in the Party as Member, Executive Council of IUML and in the High Power Committee of Muslim League.

He has published many articles and has authored a book on prison life.

His wife is Smt. M.P. Sainabi and they have four sons and one daughter .

Shri. P.M. Abubacker expired on 17.10.1994.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 30.3.1995.



P.C. CHACKO



Shri. P.C. Chacko, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. P. John Chacko on 29th September 1946 at Kanjirappally.

Entering politics through the K.S.U., he later became its Trivandrum District President and State General Secretary. He has also served as the President of Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress, General Secretary of All India Youth Congress and General Secretary, KPCC .

Shri. Chacko became elected to the Sixth Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1980 from Piravom Constituency.

He served as Minister for Industries in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 25.1.1980 to 16.10.1981.

Shri Chacko was subsequently elected to Lok Sabha also in 1991, 1996 and 1998.

Shri. P.C. Chacko also served for some time as the Editor of 'Veekshanam' daily.

Smt. Leela Chacko is his wife and they have two sons.



E. CHANDRASEKHARAN NAIR



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Shri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair, senior leader of CPI and co-operator, was born as the son of Shri. E. Easwara Pillai on 2nd December 1928.

Having entered active politics at a young age, he had joined Students Congress while at Annamalai University, then joined ISP and subsequently the Communist Party in 1952. A law graduate, he practised as a lawyer till 1970.

A strong advocate of co-operative movement, he had a long association with the co-operative sector, especially in Kollam district. He was the President of Kollam District Co-operative Bank for more than 29 years and had the rare opportunity of getting elected as the Chairman of All India State Co-operative Bank Federation and the Vice-President of National Co-operative Union and member of the Central Committee of the International Co-operative Alliance and member of Agriculture Credit Board of RBI.

Shri. Chandrasekharan Nair became elected to the 1st KLA from Kottarakara constituency, contesting as a Communist Party candidate. He was elected also to 3rd KLA from Kottarakkara, as Communist Party Member. However he resigned his membership on Feb 1, 1970 to make way for the election of Shri. C. Achutha Menon. He represented Chadayamangalam constituency in the 5th & 6th KLA.

In the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar, he was the Minister for Food, & Civil Supplies and Housing from 25.1.1980 to 20.10.1981 . In addition to the portfolio of Food and Civil Supplies, he handled the portfolio of Animal Husbandry & Dairy Development from 2..4..1987 to 17..6..1991 in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar. In the 10th KLA he represented Karunagappally, and was the Minister for Food, Tourism & Law from 20..5..1996 to 13..5..2001.

In 1980, Shri. Chandrasekharan Nair was appointed Chairman of the Adhoc Committee for the formation of Subject Committees, which recommended the formation of ten Subject Committees for the detailed scrutiny of budget, an innovative concept in the Legislative history of India. The Committee formed under his Chairmanship in 1999 had also given recommendations to streamline the functioning of the Subject Committees, after an in-depth analysis of their working. He had also a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Member's Bills and Resolutions during 1977-1979.

The concept of "Maveli Stores" aiming at making available essential commodities at fair price to poorer sections of the society, also emerged at his initiative.

He is also the recipient of many honours such as 'Sadanandan Award' for best Co-operator and R. Sankara Narayanan Thampy award for best Parliamentarian.

His wife is Smt. Manorama Nair and they have one son and one daughter.



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Shri. Lonappan Nambadan, a teacher turned political leader, was born on 13th November 1935 at Perampra, as the son of Shri. Kuriappan. After passing SSLC and TTC, he took to the teaching profession, before he became active in public life.

While a student, he had participated in humanitarian and religious activities. He was also interested in arts and cultural activities and was awarded prizes for elocution and drama, and later, he had acted in a film which bagged State Awards.

Shri. Nambadan's initiation into politics was through the Indian National Congress. Later, he joined Kerala Congress and became its President, Kodakara Constituency Committee. He had taken part in agitations of teachers, agricultural workers and labour unions.

Shri. Lonappan Nambadan became elected to KLA in 1977, 1980 and 1982 from Kodakara constituency as a Kerala Congress Candidate and in 1987, 1991 and 1996 from Irinjalakuda constituency as an Independent candidate backed by the LDF.

He had served as the Minister for Transport from 25-1-1980 to 20-10-1981 in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry and the Minister for Housing from 2-4-1987 to 17-6-1991, also in the Nayanar Ministry.

In 2004 he became elected also to the Lok Sabha from the Mukundapuram constituency.

During a long public life, Shri Nambadan served as the Member, State Parliamentary Board, State Vice Chairman of Kerala Congress and Secretary and the President of its Thrissur District Committee. He was the President of Catholic Congress, Thrissur Diocese, Secretary, Catholic Union, Thrissur and Member, Pastoral Council of Irinjalakuda Diocese. He also served as a Member of Kodakara Panchayat.

Smt. Annie is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.



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Shri. Aryadan Muhammed, the veteran Congress leader, was born on 15th May 1935 as the son of Shri. Unneen and Smt. Kadiyamunni.

Entering politics as a Congress member in 1952, Shri. Muhammed, a member of KPCC since 1958, later served as Secretary, Calicut DCC, President, Malappuram DCC and as General Secretary, KPCC. An active member of INTUC in the fifties, he has been the President of various labour unions as well.

Shri. Aryadan Muhammed became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1977. He got elected to the KLA again in 1980 through a bye-election held on 28.5.1980. And since then, from 8th KLA to the 11th KLA he has been representing the same Nilambur Constituency as a Congress member.

From 25.1.1980 to 16.10.1981, Shri. Aryadan was the Minister for Labour and Forests in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K.Nayanar. Later, from 20.4.1995 to 9.5.1996 he was the Minister for Labour and Tourism in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K.Antony. In the present Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy he is holding the portfolio of Electricity since 5.9.2004.

During his long legislative career, he had also served as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee from 1998 to 2001 and Chairman of Public Undertakings Committee from 2001 to 2004.

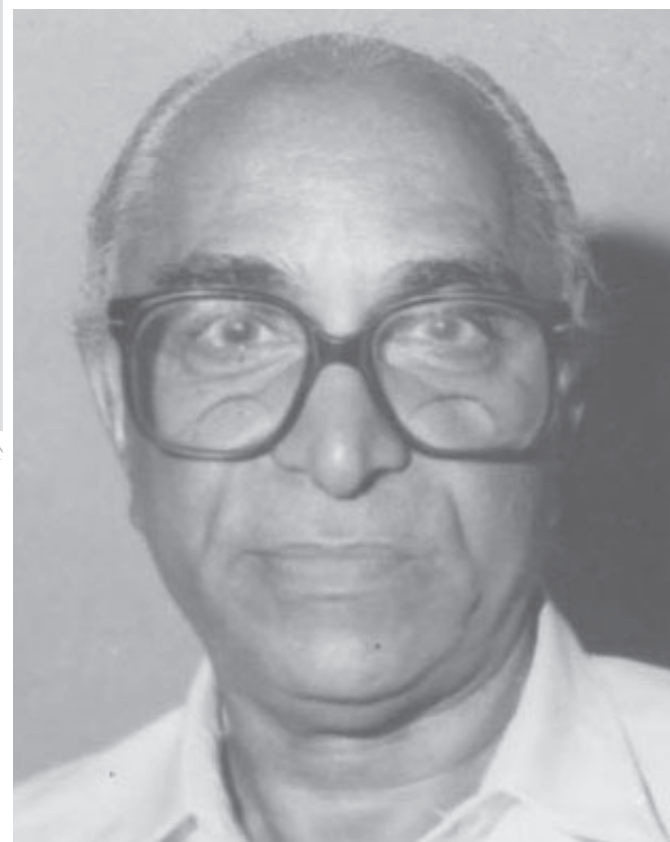
In addition , he has held important positions in the State Marketing Federation as its President and was the Director of NCDC and NAFED.

During the Xth KLA Shri. Aryadan had also a remarkable stint as the Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party.

Smt. Mariam is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.



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Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan, veteran Communist leader , was born in 1922 at Eroor as the son of Shri. Kunjaman.

Shri. Ramakrishnan took to active politics very early in life, joining the INC in 1941. He joined the Communist Party in 1942. He had been imprisoned in Viyyur Central Prison for six months in 1950 as political prisoner and had been detained under DIR in 1965. He had been the President of Tripunithura Panchayat, in 1954.

Shri. Ramakrishnan became elected to the 1st and 2nd KLA from Kanayannur constituency as Communist Party Member. He represented Thripunithura constituency in the 3rd, 5th and 6th KLA. He was elected to 8th KLA from Kottayam through a bye election held on 3-6-1987. In the 9th and 10th KLA also he represented Kottayam constituency.

Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan served as the Home Minister from 25-1-1980 to 20-10-1981 in the Ministry headed by E.K.Nayanar. He was the Minister for Co-operation and Fisheries from 2-4-1987 to 17-6-1991. Again from 20-5-1996 to 13-5-2001 he was the Minister for Fisheries and Rural Development in the Nayanar Ministry.

In 1979 during the period of 5th KLA, he had acted as the Leader of Opposition for a short period. He also became Opposition Chief Whip during 9th KLA from 1991 to 1996. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Assurances from 1979 to 1981.

During a long public life, he has served as the Member of CPI(M) State and Central Committees, Joint Secretary of All India Kissan Sabha and Secretary of Kottayam District Committee of CPM. He has also a remarkable stint as Deputy leader of CPI (M) Legislature Party.

His wife is Smt. Gouri and they have one son and four daughters.



A.C. SHANMUGHA DAS



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Shri A.C. Shanmugha Das, renowned Congress Leader, was born on 5th January 1939 as the son of Shri. Kunhiraman and Smt. A.V. Saradamma.

Starting political life while a student, he had actively participated in the students' struggle for 'Goa liberation'. As one having participated in various struggles, he had also to undergo imprisonment three times.

Shri. Shanmugha Das became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in the fourth KLA from Balussery Constituency. He has been elected consecutively from the same constituency from 6th KLA to 11th KLA. Representing the Congress party in 4th and 6th KLA, he represented Congress (S) from 7th KLA to 10th KLA and has been representing NCP in the 11th KLA.

Shri Shanmugha Das handled the portfolio of Community Development, Public Health Engineering, Employment, Training and Sports from 25-1-1980 to 16-10-1981 in the ministry headed by Shri E.K. Nayanar. He was the Minister of Health in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar from 02-04-1987 to 17-06-1991. Again he was the Minister for Health & Sports from 20-5-1996 to 19-01-2000, also in the cabinet headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

He was the leader of Congress (S) Legislature Party from 1982-1999 and the leader of NCP Legislature party.

During his long political career, he had served at different times as State Secretary of K.S.U. and Youth Congress during 1966-69, DCC Secretary, Malappuram during 1969-70, and Kozhikode during 1971-73, President, DCC Kozhikode during 1973-78, KPCC Secretary during 1978-80 and Treasurer of AICC(S) during 1993-99. He is also an elected member of NCP working committee.

In addition, Shri Das had been the Chairman, Malabar Region KANFED, CKG Symposium Permanent Committee, Member, Kerala Grandhasala Sanghom Control Board and Kozhikode Regional Transport Authority.

Shri. Shanmugha Das has also served as the editor of 'Dharmachakra', 'Yuvatha' and 'Nireekskanam' weeklies.

His wife is Dr. K. Parukutty. and they have two daughters.



DR. A. SUBBA RAO



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Dr. A. Subba Rao, senior leader of the CPI, was born as the son of Dr. A. Krishnayya in October 1919.

A medical practitioner by profession, Dr. Rao entered politics through freedom struggle and participated in the Quit India Movement . He had been arrested and even had to undergo three years rigorous imprisonment in the Alipore jail.

Joining the CPI in 1951, Dr. Rao had been elected also to Rajya Sabha in 1958 and served as a member till April 1964. He was subsequently elected to the 6th KLA from Manjeswar constituency in 1980 as a CPI candidate.

Dr. Rao served as the Minister for Irrigation in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry from 25-1-1980 to 20-10-1981. In the 7th KLA also he was a member representing the Manjeswar constituency.

Dr. Rao played an active role in various fields such as Kisan Sabha, Trade Unions and cultural organisations like “Janatha Ranga Bhoomi” . He represented the linguistic minority in the Calicut University Senate. He was also the President, Manjeswar Co-operative Service Society and Manjeswar Beedi Workers’ Co-operative Society. As one who took keen interest in sports and dramatic society, he was also drawn into progressive movements.

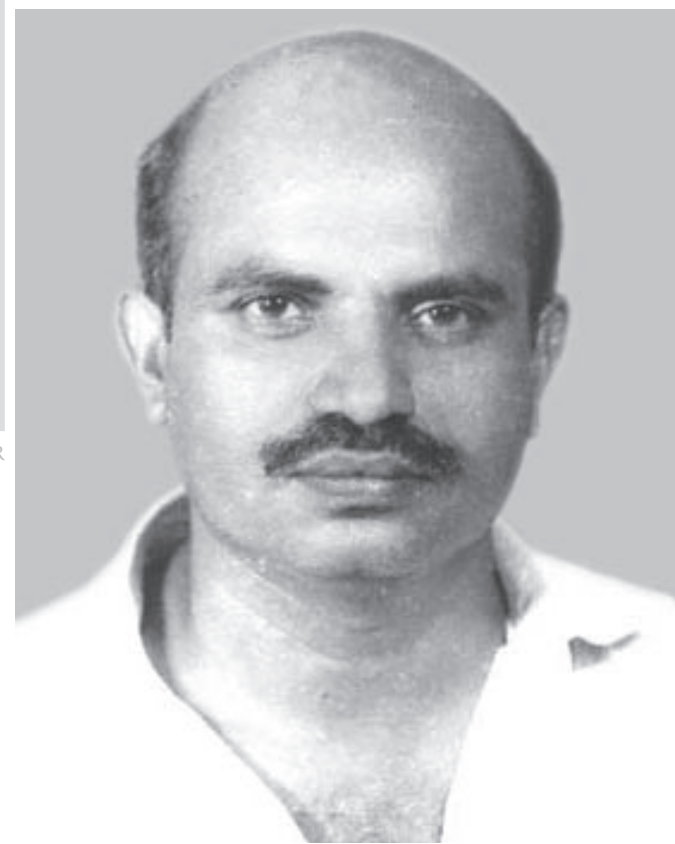
Smt. A. Kashamma is his wife and they have five sons and two daughters.

Dr. A. Subba Rao expired on 14-09-2003.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 05-02-2004



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Shri. R.S.Unni, veteran trade union leader and senior RSP leader, was born on 18th February, 1925 as the son of Shri. Raman Unni.

Even during his school days, he was interested in politics and was the General Secretary of Kerala Students' Congress. He had undergone imprisonment for participating in the 'Agitation for Responsible Government in Travancore'. After independence, he joined KSP and later RSP and was the Central Committee Member of RSP and President of UTUC.

Shri. R.S. Unni became elected to 3rd KLA as an RSP Member from Iravipuram constituency, and represented the same constituency right up to 7th KLA, consecutively.

From 31.10.1970 to 22.03.1977 Shri Unni served as the Deputy Speaker of KLA. He also performed duties of the Office of the Speaker from 09.05.1975 to 16.02.1976.

From 25.01.1980 to 20.10.1981 Shri Unni also served as the Minister for Local Administration in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K.Nayanar.

He also served as the Chairman of Public Undertakings Committee from 1970 to 1975 and Subordinate

Legislation Committee from 1971 to 1975.

During 1978-1980, he served for some time, as Secretary of the RSP Committee.

His wife is Smt.G.Radhamma and they have one daughter.

Shri. R.S. Unni expired on 17.02.1999.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 26.02.1999.



1981

KADAVOOR SIVADASAN

MINISTERS



Shri. Kadavoor Sivadasan , Advocate and senior Congress leader, was born at Kadavoor on March 11, 1932 as the son of Shri. M. Kesavan and Smt. Lekshmi.

Entering politics through students movements, he became the President of Progressive Students Union in 1958. Later, he enrolled as an Advocate in Kollam Bar, and was in active practice.

Shri. Sivadasan became elected to the KLA for first time in 1980 contesting as an RSP candidate. He became elected in 1982 too as an RSP Member. In 1991, 1996 and 2001 he got elected yet again, contesting as a candidate of the INC.

Shri. Sivadasan was the Minister for Labour from 28.12.1981 to 17.3.1982 and Minister for Labour and Excise during 1982 –87 in the Ministries headed by Shri. K.Karunakaran. Shri. Sivadasan was the Minister for Forest and Rural Development from 20.4.1995 to 9.5.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. Again he was the Minister for Electricity from 26.5.2001 to 11.2.2004, and held the portfolios of Health and Family Welfare from 11.2.2004 to 29.8.2004 in the Ministry, also headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

An active trade unionist, Shri. Sivadasan has served as Secretary of Kerala Provisional United Trade Union Congress in 1977, and participated in the ILO Conference at Geneva representing Central Government in 1985. At present, he is the Deputy leader of Congress Legislature Party.

Smt. R. Vijayamma is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.



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Shri. C.M. Sundaram, senior political leader was born on 1st July 1919 as the son of Shri. C.S. Mahadeva Iyer.

Entering Politics through students Congress he had participated in Quit India Movement, and had been an active worker in Congress Volunteer Sanghom. Later joining the Socialist Party, he also participated in agitations of Greater Bombay Tenants Union, Bombay Dock Worker's Union and Hotel Mazdoor Sabha.

In the early 1950s, he worked for the Welfare of Tribals in Akamalavaram and organised several trade unions for welfare of working class people like FACT Mazdoor Sabha, Theatre Mazdoor Sabha and Rubber Estate Mazdoor Sabha.

As one who took initiative in organising Co-operative Societies, he was instrumental also in the formation of Palghat District Auto Rikshaw Drivers Co-operative Society, Palghat District Fibre workers Industrial Co-operative Society and Malampuzha Girijan Service Co-operative Society.

He had also been elected in 1966 and 1968 to Palghat Municipality and had also served as its Vice Chairman.

Shri. Sundaram became elected to the KLA in 1977 from Palghat constituency and remained a member from 5th KLA to 8th KLA consecutively as PSP candidate. In the 9th KLA, he represented the same constituency as a Congress candidate.

In the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, Shri Sundaram also served as the Minister for Local Administration from 28..12..1981 to 17..3..1982. Again in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, he was the Minister for Local Administration from 24..5..1982 to 25..3..1987.

During a long public career Shri. Sundaram had served also as the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee from 1979 to 1981 and Assurance Committee from 1977 to 1979.

In addition, he held important positions in different Government Committees like State Tribal Advisory Committee, District Development Council and Industrial Relations Committee for Agricultural Workers (Palghat) .

He also served for some time as the Chairman of PSP State Committee.

His wife is Smt. C.N. Thailambal and they have two daughters.



R. SUNDARESAN NAIR



Shri. R. Sundaresan Nair, educationist and political leader, was born on 22nd April 1940 as the son of Shri. M.Raghavan Nair.

A post graduate and Diploma holder in English teaching, he was very much associated with the N.S.S. Entering politics as a student in 1957, he subsequently became active in the trade union field also. He also worked for some time as Vice President of Kerala State Transport Ministerial Staff Association.

Shri. R.Sundaresan Nair became elected from Neyyattinkara constituency in the 5th and 6th KLA as an NDP candidate.

Shri. Sundaresan Nair was the Minister for Health and Tourism from 28.12.1981 to 17.03.1982, in the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran. During his tenure as a Member of Legislative Assembly he was the leader of NDP Parliamentary party.

He had served for some time also as Member of Kerala University Senate from 1975, and was Treasurer of NDP. He also has to his credit a thesis 'Sister Carrie'.

His wife is Smt.B.Leelakumari and they have two daughters and one son.



1982

E. AHAMED



Shri. E. Ahamed, Advocate and veteran Muslim League leader, was born at Cannannore on April 29, 1938 as the son of Shri. O.Abdul Khader Haji and Smt. Nafeesa Beevi.

One of the founder members of the Kerala Muslim Students' Federation and its General Secretary during 1957-62, Shri. Ahamed enrolled as an Advocate of Kerala High Court and set up practice in Tellichery District Court under Shri. V. Khalid who later became Judge of High Court.

Shri. E. Ahamed became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1967 from Cannannore, in 1977 from Koduvally, in 1980, 1982 and 1987 from Tanur as a Muslim League candidate.

He was the Minister for Industries from 24.5.1982 to 25.3.1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K.Karunakaran.

Getting elected to the Tenth Lok Sabha in 1991, he has since been a Member of the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth Lok Sabha. Presently he is the Minister of State for External Affairs, Government of India serving since May 23, 2004.

Earlier Shri. E. Ahamed has served as Chairman, Committee on Government Assurances in Kerala Legislative Assembly during 1987-91 and as Member, Kerala and Calicut University Senate. Besides,

he was the Chairman, Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House and the Joint Committee on Food Management in Parliament House Complex in the Lok Sabha. He has been a Member of the State Executive and National Executive of Muslim League, and its National Secretary.

In addition, he has been the Chairman, Kerala Rural Development Board, Cannannore Municipal Council, and Kerala Small Industrial Development and Employment Corporation.

He has also led high level trade delegation of Government of India to Gulf countries and has also served as Special Emissary of the then Prime Minister Smt. Indira Gandhi.

A Member of the Board of Directors of 'Chandrika', Shri. Ahamed has his literary accomplishments as well. He has to his credit, a travelogue - "One foreign journey and numerous memories", "A story of Renaissance of Indian Muslims" and "The leader I know".

Smt. Zuhara Ahamed is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.



P. CYRIAC JOHN



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Shri. P. Cyriac John, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri John on 11-6-1933.

An active worker of INC from 1952, Shri Cyriac John became elected to the fourth Kerala Legislative Assembly from Kalpetta constituency as a Congress (R) member. Subsequently he was elected from the Thiruvambadi constituency thrice, to the 5th, 6th and 7th KLA as a Congress Member.

In the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, Shri Cyriac John was the Minister for Agriculture from 24-5-1982 to 29-8-1983.

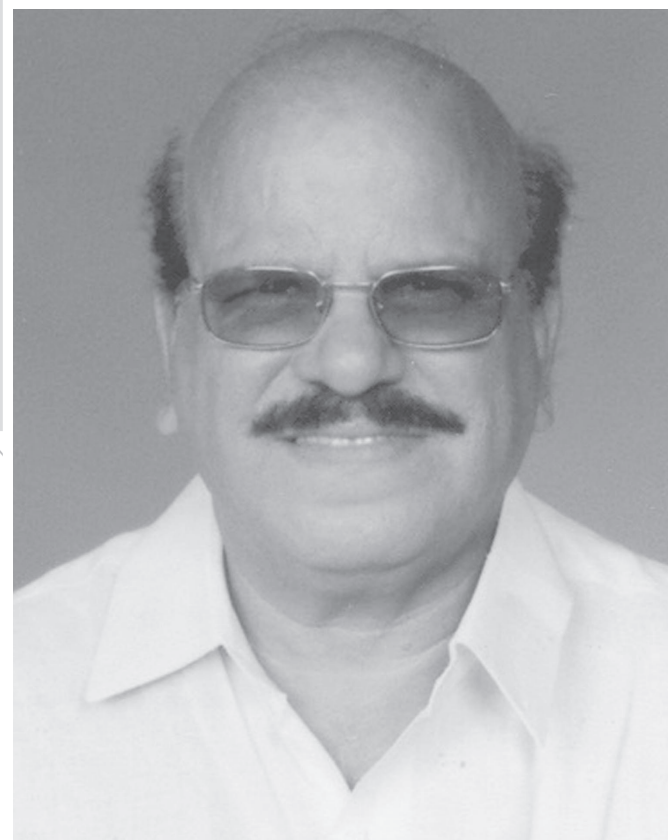
He had a long association with the co-operative sector and had served as President of Service Co-operative Bank, Thamarassery and the President of Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation. He was also a Member of the Indian Rubber board.

Besides, he had served as Member, KPCC Executive and as President of Karshaka Congress State Committee, the farmers' wing of the KPCC. He has also been the State President of N.C.P.

His wife is Smt. Annakutty and they have 3 sons and 2 daughters.



M.P. GANGADHARAN



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Shri. M.P.Gangadharan, Advocate and senior Congress leader, was born on 15th July, 1934 as the son of Shri. P. Sankara Panicker and Smt. M. Madhavi Amma.

He was actively involved in political and social activities even from his student days. After studies, he started practice in Manjeri and entered into active politics through the P.S.P. He left P.S.P. in 1962 and joined Indian National Congress in 1963.

Shri. Gangadharan was elected to the Third Kerala Legislative Assembly from Nilambur constituency, in a bye-election held on April 21, 1970. He was again elected to the fourth KLA from Nilambur, fifth KLA from Ponnani, sixth KLA from Pattambi, and to the seventh and eleventh KLA, from Ponnani.

Shri. Gangadharan also served as the Minister for Irrigation from 24-5-1982 to 12-03-1986 in the Ministry headed by Shri.K. Karunakaran.

From 1973 to 1974, he was the Chairman of Committee on Estimates, from 1976 to 1977, the Chairman of Subordinate Legislation Committee and since 2001, he is the Chairman of the Committee on Privileges and Ethics.

He served as the Secretary of Congress Parliamentary Party, President, DCC, Malappuram, State President and Working Committee Member of INC (Thiware), Member, KPCC Executive and AICC and Deputy Leader, Congress Parliamentary Party.

He was also the Chairman of Kerala Water Authority and KTDC and had served as the Chief Editor of 'Malabar today' an evening daily.

Shri. Gangadharan resigned his membership in the XI KLA on 5.7.2005. He is now a prominent leader of Democratic Indira Congress.

His wife is Smt. M.K. Santhakumari and they have 2 sons and 1 daughter.



T.M. JACOB



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Shri. T.M. Jacob, renowned Parliamentarian and senior Kerala Congress leader, was born on 16th September, 1950 as the son of Shri. T.S. Mathew and Smt. Annamma Mathew.

Entering politics while a student, he subsequently became a Member of the Kerala Congress in 1964. Shri. Jacob was the General Secretary of K.S.C, the student wing of Kerala Congress, in 1971. From 1972 to 1975 he was its State President and during 1976-78 he was President of K.Y.F.

Shri. T.M. Jacob became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1977, from Piravom constituency and remained a member consecutively from 5th K.L.A to 11th K.L.A., representing Piravom and Kothamangalam constituencies .

From 24.05.1982 to 25.03.1987 Shri. Jacob served as the Minister for Education in the Ministry headed by Sri. K. Karunakaran. From 29.6.1991 to 16.3.1995 he was the Minister for Irrigation and Cultural Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran. Shri. T.M. Jacob handled the same portfolio, in the Ministry of Shri A.K. Antony from 22.3.1995 to 9.5.1996. Again , from 17.05.2001 to 29.08.2004, he was the Minister for Water Resources in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K. Antony.

He served as the General Secretary of Kerala Congress from 1979 to 1982 and from 1987 to 1991. He was also an elected Member of the Kerala University Academic Council of the Faculty of Law.

Shri. Jacob is presently the Parliamentary Party leader of Democratic Indira Congress (K).

A gifted writer as well, his literary accomplishments include the books 'Ente China Paryadanam (Malayalam) and ' My China Diary' (English).

His wife is Smt. Annie Jacob and they have one son and one daughter.



M. KAMALAM



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Kerala Women's Commission Chairperson and renowned leader Smt. M.Kamalam entered politics as an active worker of Indian National Congress. She was born on August 14, 1926 as daughter of Shri. Keloth Krishnan at Calicut.

A former General Secretary and Vice President of K.P.C.C. Smt. Kamalam opted to stand with the Congress (O) after the split in the Congress, and became Working Committee Member.

When Janatha Party was formed, she became its Chairperson., Calicut District Committee and was its State Executive Member too. She had been imprisoned in connection with Vimochana Samaram, and later during the Emergency.

She also served as Member, Calicut Municipal Council, for a long period from 1948 to 1963.

Smt. M. Kamalam became elected to KLA twice as Janata Party member from Kalpetta constituency in 1980 and 1982. She served as the Minister for Co-operation from 24.5.1982 to 25.3.1987, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

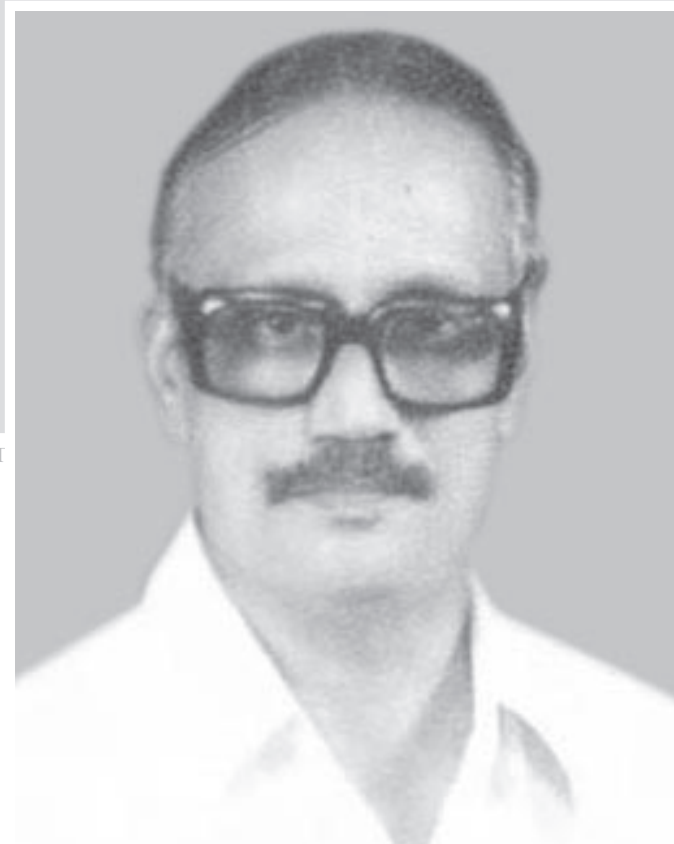
During a long public life, Smt. Kamalam has held several high positions in all walks of life including

State Committee Member of Malayala Pradesh Congress Committee , Member, National Committee of Janatha Mahila Vibhag , State Convenor of KPCC Mahila Vibhag , Chairman , Kerala Fishermen's Association, President, Desa Seva Sangham, and as President of innumerable trade unions.

She is married to Shri. M. Samikutty and they have 4 sons and 1 daughter .



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Shri. K.G.R. Kartha, Advocate and N.S.S leader, was born on 27th July, 1929 as the son of Shri Govindan.

Sri. Kartha started political life as a member of Indian National Congress. He was also active in the N.S.S and later, when N.S.S formed a political party of its own, the N.D.P, he joined the party.

Shri. Kartha became elected to Seventh Kerala Legislative Assembly from Thripunithura constituency as an NDP candidate. From 24.5.1982 to 29.8.1983 he was the Minister for Health in the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran .

He also served as the Chairman of Library Advisory Committee from 1984 to 1987.

His wife is Smt. Subhadramma and they have two daughters and one son.

Sri. K.G.R. Kartha expired on October 6, 1997.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on December 22, 1997.



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Shri. K.P. Noorudheen, senior Congress leader, was born on July 30, 1939, as the son of Shri. Mohammed Haji, at Peruvamba in Kannur District.

Entering politics through Youth Congress in 1953, Shri Noorudheen has later served as Convenor, and President of Mandalam Committees of the Congress .

He was also General Secretary, DCC, Cannanore and Treasurer, KPCC during 1972-82.

Shri. Noorudheen became elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1977, 1980, 1982, 1987 and 1991, all from the Peravoor constituency. From 25-5-82 to 25-3-87, he served as Minister for Forests, Animal Husbandry and Sports during 1982-87 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

In a long career, Shri Noorudheen had also served for sometime as President, Coir Marketing Federation, and Managing Director, Veekshanam Printing and Publishing Company. At present he is Chairman, Kerala State Financial Enterprises Limited.

Smt. Asma is his wife and they have one son and three daughters.



C.V. PADMARAJAN



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Shri. C.V. Padmarajan, veteran Congress leader, was born at Paravoor on July 22, 1931 as the son of Sri. K. Velu Vaidyar and Smt. K.M. Thankamma .

He entered politics as a student through All Travancore Student's Congress during the freedom struggle. Starting public life as a teacher, he later took BL Degree with distinction and became District Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor, Quilon during 1973-79. Shri. Padmarajan became elected to KLA twice in 1982 and 1991 from Chathannur constituency.

Shri. Padmarajan served as Minister for Community Development and Fisheries from May 24, 1982 to August 29, 1983 and Minister for Finance, Electricity and Coir from July 2, 1991 to March 16, 1995 in the Ministries headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran. He had also been the Leader of the House for a short period during 1992 in the absence of Shri. K. Karunakaran. He had also served as Minister for Finance, Coir and Devaswom from March 22, 1995 to May 9, 1996 in the Cabinet headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Shri. Padmarajan had also served at different times as Vice-President of DCC, Quilon and later its President. He was also President of KPCC from September 1983 to 1987. An active member of the AICC, he has a rich experience in co-operative sector as well.

He is presently the Vice-Chairman of Kerala State Planning Board.
He is married to Smt. R. Vasanthakumari and they have two sons.



VAYALAR RAVI



Shri. Vayalar Ravi, veteran Congress leader, was born on June 4, 1937, at Vayalar, as the son of Shri. M.K. Krishnan.

A post graduate with BL Degree, Shri. Vayalar Ravi holds claim as the Founder President of Kerala Students Union. He was the Convenor of Youth Congress Committee and later General Secretary, Indian Youth Congress.

Shri. Vayalar Ravi was elected to Lok Sabha in 1971, and again in 1977.

Getting elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 and 1987 from the Shertallai Constituency, Shri. Ravi was the Minister for Home Affairs from 24..5..1982 to 24..5..1986, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

In a long career spanning four decades, Shri. Ravi had held several prestigious positions, including serving as Working Committee Member of the Indian National Congress.

Shri. Ravi was also a member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations in 1986.

At present, he is a Member of the Rajya Sabha.

Sri. Ravi assumed charge as Union Minister for Overseas Indian affairs on 29th January, 2006.

Smt. Mercy Ravi, Member of Legislative Assembly in the XI KLA, is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.



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Shri. N. Sreenivasan, renowned leader of SNDP, was born as the son of Shri V. Narayanan on 12th February 1912 at Vakkom.

A retired District Judge, Shri Sreenivasan had been President of SNDP Yogam for over six years and was also the Chairman of S.R.P for seven years.

Shri. N. Sreenivasan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 from Kottayam constituency, as an SRP member.

Shri. Sreenivasan held the portfolio of Excise in the Ministry headed by Shri. K Karunakaran from 24-5-1982 to 30-5-1986.

Smt. Saraswathy is his wife and they have two daughters.

Shri N. Sreenivasan passed away at the age of 76 on 19.10.1988.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 21.12.88.



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K.P. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR



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Shri. K.P. Ramachandran Nair , NSS activist and senior leader, was born as the son of Dr. K.P. Panikkar on 1st January 1922 at Kavalam.

After education he became actively associated with the NSS and was one of the founder members of NDP.

Shri. Ramachandran Nair became elected to the KLA in 1982 & 1991 from Alleppey constituency representing NDP. Shri. Ramachandran Nair was the Minister for Health from 1..9..1983 to 29..5..1985 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

He had served also as the Chairman, Alleppey Municipal Council previously from 1968 to 1979, and was the President, District Committee and Member, State Executive Committee of NDP. Besides, he was the President, NSS Taluk Union, Ambalapuzha, Member, Director Board of NSS and Treasurer, N.S.S.

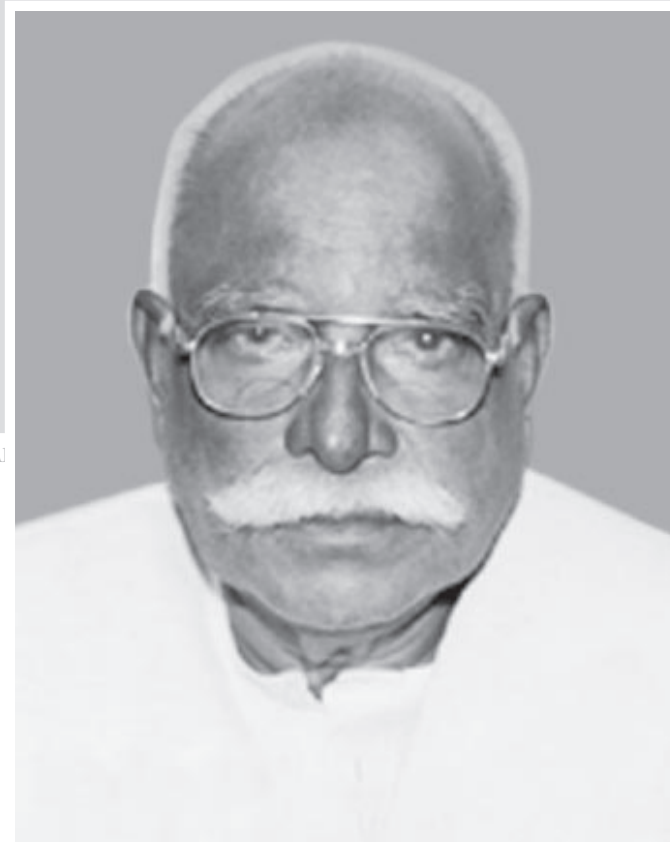
Smt. T. Ratnamma is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.

K.P. Ramachandran Nair expired on 28..2..2004.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 28..7..2004.



N. SUNDARAN NADAR



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Shri. N. Sundaran Nadar, senior Congress leader, who adorned the Chairs of Minister and Deputy Speaker, was born at Chenkal, in Thiruvananthapuram on September 10, 1931 as the son of Shri. J. Nallathampy Nadar and Smt. Lekshmi.

A graduate with B.L., his political career began while a student. Later, he joined Government service as Grama Sevak during 1954. However, he resigned his job in 1960 and served as a member of the Communist Party till 1964.

Joining the Indian National Congress shortly after, he served as Block President, Vice President, District Congress Committee, Member, KPCC and Executive Member during 1987-90.

Shri. Sundaran Nadar became elected to KLA four times, from Parassala constituency in 1980, 1982, 1996 and 2001. Shri Sundaran Nadar served as Minister for Transport, Rural Development and Agriculture from September 1, 1983 to March 25, 1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

During a long public life Shri. Nadar has served in different capacities, in all walks of life. He had served as the Chairman KELPAM, Kerala during 1993-96 and was Chairman of Block Development

Committee for more than ten years from 1970.

Shri. Sundaran Nadar also became subsequently the 12th Deputy Speaker of KLA on July 4, 2001, and has been holding the post ever since.

From September 5, 2004 to September 15, 2004 Shri Nadar also performed the duties of the Office of the Speaker, consequent on the resignation of Shri Vakkom Purushothaman.

Smt. K.Baby Sarojam is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.



P.K. VELAYUDHAN



Shri. P.K. Velayudhan, Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Kunjayyappan on 4th September 1946, at Karanchira, Thrissur.

Even during his student life, he was an active worker of Congress, and worked for the upliftment of depressed classes. He was a leading sportsman too. In 1971, he was the Captain of Calicut University Athletic team, and was Champion athlete of St. Thomas College, Thrissur and of Thrissur district. He had also represented the University of Calicut in All India University Athletic meet at Jabalpure in 1969, Cuttack in 1970 and Baroda in 1971.

Shri. P.K. Velayudhan became elected to the KLA, for the first time in 1980, from Pandalam constituency as a Congress candidate. In 1982, he was again elected from Njarakkal constituency.

He served as the Minister for Community Development, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran from 1.9.1983 to 25.3.1987.

He had also chaired the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes from 1980 to 1982.

Shri. Velayudhan has also served at different times, as General Secretary, Bharatiya Depressed Class League State Committee, President, Harijan Youth League State Committee; President, State Harijan Students League, Member, Youth Congress State Executive and State Harijan Advisory Committee. He was also Member, Kerala University Senate, Member, KPCC, President, Kerala Aquatic Association, and President, KSRTC United Labour Organisation.

Smt. P.V. Girija is his wife.

Shri. P.K. Velayudhan expired on 25..5..2003.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 16..6..2003.



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Shri. Thachady Prabhakaran senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Velayudhan on November 16, 1936 in Pathiyoor.

Besides being President, Alleppey DCC and Secretary, KPCC, he was at different times, President, Kerala State Co-operative Coir Marketing Federation, Kerala State Co-operative Bank, Alleppey District Co-operative Bank and Kumaran Asan Memorial High School, Pallana.

Shri. Thachady Prabhakaran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice from Kayamkulam Constituency in 1980, 1982 and 1991. He served as the Minister for Finance from June 5, 1986 to March 5, 1987 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

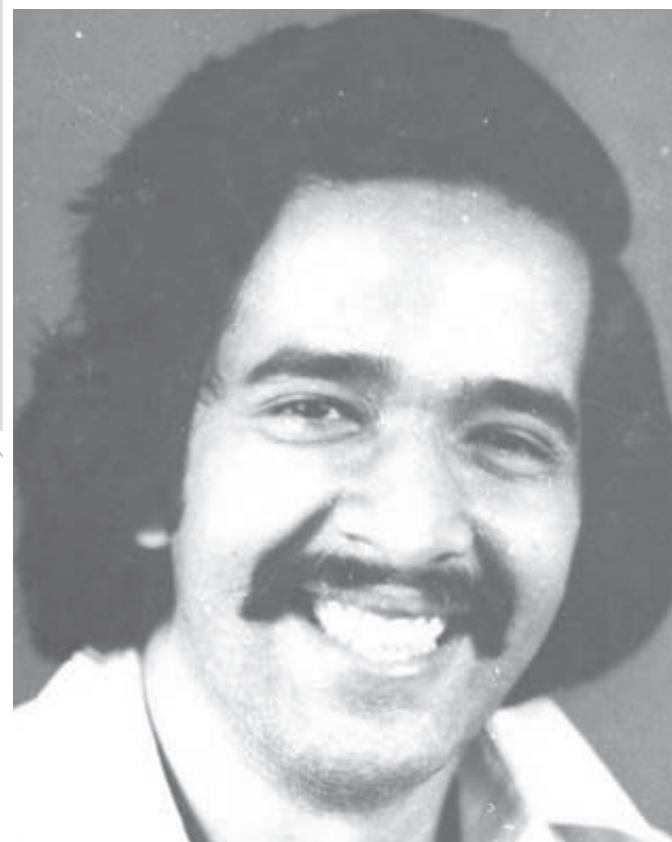
Smt. Sarojini is his wife and they have three sons.

Shri. Thachady Prabhakaran expired on February 14, 2000.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on March 29, 2000.



RAMESH CHENNITHALA



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Shri. Ramesh Chennithala , who rose to prominence through the students movement and later became a leading figure of the Congress, was born on May 25, 1956, at Chennithala as the son of Smt. Devaki Amma and Shri. V. Ramakrishnan Nair.

He entered politics while a student, beginning his political career through the KSU in 1969. After serving as its unit Secretary in Mahatma High School, Chennithala and as College Union Chairman, N.S.S College, Perunna, he later became the KSU State Committee member, Vice- President, General Secretary and President thrice, and thereafter the President of NSUI. His entry into the mainstream politics was through the Youth Congress, and he rose to become the President of All India Youth Congress. He has also served as the Secretary , AICC and Member , Congress Working Committee. He is, presently the President of the K.P.C.C.

Shri. Ramesh Chennithala became elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1982 from Haripad constituency. He served as the Minister for Rural Development from June 5, 1986 to March 25, 1987 in the Cabinet headed by Shri. K.Karunakaran.

Later, in 1987 he became elected also to the Eighth Kerala Legislative Assembly from the same constituency.

Shri Ramesh Chennithala has also had a remarkable stint, in the Lok Sabha, four times in 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1999 respectively .

He was also Secretary General of International NAM Youth Conference, held at New Delhi in 1985.

Smt. T.N. Anitha is his wife and they have two sons.



1987

T.K. HAMZA



Shri. T.K. Hamza, Advocate and political leader, was born as the son of Shri. T.K. Mohammed on 14th July 1937 at Wandoor.

He started his political career joining the Congress party in 1957, and had served in the KSU, Youth Congress, and INTUC. In 1984, he left Congress and joined CPI(M).

In 1982, Shri. Hamza became elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly as an independent candidate from Nilamboor Constituency. In 1987, 1991 and 1996 also he got elected to KLA, contesting as a CPI(M) candidate from Beypore Constituency.

Shri. Hamza served as the Minister for Works, Wakf, Haj and Inland Navigation from 2..4..1987 to 17..6..1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

During Xth KLA, Shri. Hamza was the Government Chief Whip in the Assembly from 1996 to 2001.

He Chaired the Committee on Public Accounts from 1991 to 1993, and the Committee on Privileges from 1996 to 2001.

In 2004 Shri. T.K. Hamza was elected also to LokSabha.

During a long public life, Shri. Hamza also held at different times important positions both in Congress and the CPI(M) and was President, Malappuram DCC(I) during 1978-1982 and D.C. Member, CPI(M). Smt. Mymoona is his wife and they have three sons and two daughters.



V.V. RAGHAVAN



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Shri. V.V. Raghavan , renowned Communist leader, was born on 23.6.1923 as the son of Shri. Velappan.

Entering Politics by participating in the Cochin Praja Mandal struggle for responsible Government in the state, he later joined Kerala Socialist Party and participated in the Freedom struggle. He had also to endure Police brutality and imprisonment, in connection with the “Rajendra Maidan” incident, during this time.

A strong supporter of the cause of have nots and downtrodden, he joined CPI, during his period of imprisonment in 1948 and worked among labourers and organised underground activities for two years.

His acquaintance with Shri. C. Achutha Menon, who became his brother - in- law later, served a great deal, to mould his political outlook profoundly.

Shri. Raghavan became elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly twice, from Cherpu constituency, as Communist Party member in the 8th and 9th KLA.

Shri. Raghavan served as the Minister for Agriculture in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry from 2.4.87 to 17.6.1991.

He was the chief architect of the innovative group farming scheme, 'Fayalil ninnum Vayalilekku'.

Shri. Raghavan subsequently became elected to Lok Sabha in 1996 and 1998 from Thrissur Parliamentary constituency and to the Rajya Sabha also , later in 2000.

Earlier , he had also been elected to the Thrichur Municipal Council thrice.

A lover of literature and arts, he has published many articles and has also authored a book 'In the Land of Lenin', which had won the Soviet Land Nehru award in 1977.

His wife is Smt. C. Sathyabhama and they have one son and one daughter.

Shri. V.V. Raghavan expired on 27.10.2004, while serving as a member of Rajya Sabha.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 10.2.2005.



K. SANKARANARAYANA PILLAI



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Shri. K. Sankaranarayana Pillai, Advocate and political leader, was born as the son of Shri. S. Kumara Pillai on 3rd November 1945 at Nedumangad.

He entered politics through KSU and Youth Congress, and was the President of KSU, and Youth Congress in Trivandrum District.

He served as the General Secretary, D.C.C. Trivandrum from 1969 to 1972 and later, as its President too.

In 1980 he also became the General Secretary of KPCC(S).

Shri. Sankaranarayana Pillai became elected to the KLA in 1982 and 1987, from Trivandrum East constituency, representing Congress (S) party. He was the Minister for Transport, from 2..4..1987 to 17..6..1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

Shri. Pillai has also served at different times as Member, KSEB, President, Taxi Drivers Co-operative Society, Director, Kerala State Financial Enterprises and as Director, Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation. Later, he formed a new party, the Kerala Vikas Party, which merged with the INC subsequently, and was its Chairman too.

Smt. K.R. Kumari Girija is his wife and they have two daughters.



T. SIVADASA MENON



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Shri. T. Sivadasa Menon, teacher turned political leader, was born as the son of Shri. V.S.K.Panicker on 14th June 1932 at Mannarghat.

Starting his career as a teacher in the KTM High School, Mannarghat, Shri Menon later became its Head Master. He has been actively involved in organising teachers' unions, and after holding important positions in this field, he rose to become a prominent leader of the CPI(M).

A founder member of the Private High School Teachers' Union in Malabar in 1958, he also served as the Malabar Regional President of the Kerala Private Teachers' Federation that year, and General Secretary, KPTU from 1975 to 1980.

Shri. Sivadasa Menon became elected to KLA in 1987, 1991 and in 1996 as a CPI(M) candidate from Malampuzha Constituency. He was the Minister for Electricity and Rural Development from 02.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry. He later served as the Minister for Finance, from 20.05.1996 to 13.05.2001, in the Nayanar Ministry. He has also had a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts from 1993 to 1996.

He has also been the Secretary, CPI (M), Palakkad District committee and Member, CPI (M) State Secretariat.

Shri. Sivadasa Menon was also at different times, Member, Calicut University Syndicate for eight years, Member, Faculty of Education and Kerala State Education Advisory Board.

Smt. T.K. Bhavani is his wife, and they have two daughters.



V J. THANKAPPAN



Shri. V.J. Thankappan, Advocate and senior Communist leader, was born as the son of Shri. Johnson, on 20th April 1934 at Aralummoodu.

Joining the Communist Party of India in 1963, he had served as Councillor, Neyyattinkara Municipality during 1968-79, and as its Chairman during 1979-84.

Shri. Thankappan became elected to the 7th KLA in 1983 through a bye-election held on 2.3.1983, from Nemoom Constituency. He was again elected, from the same constituency, in 1987 and 1991.

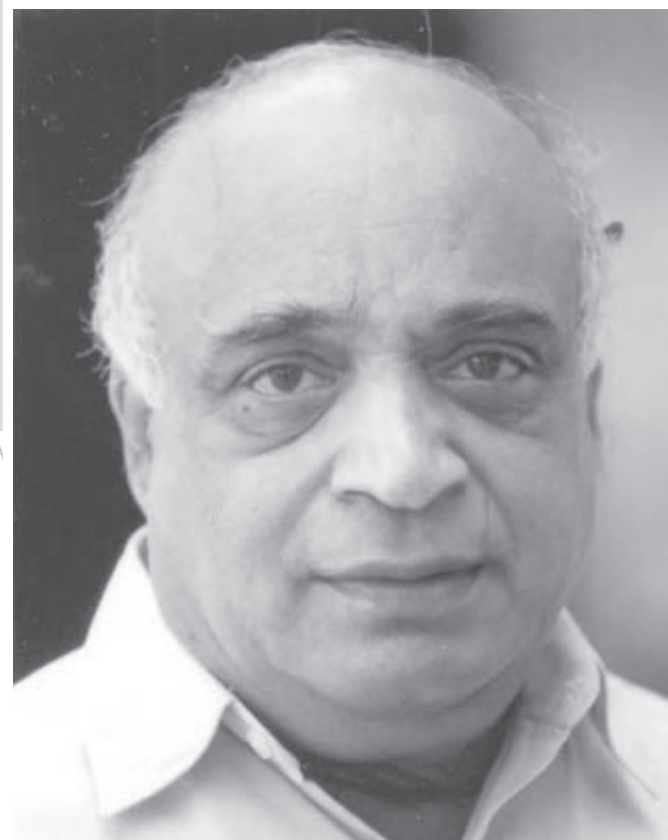
He served as the Minister for Local Administration from 2.4.1987 to 17.6.1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

He was also the Chairman, Committee on Papers Laid on the Table during 1995-1996 and the Vice-Chairman of Third Administrative Reforms Committee, and Committee on Decentralisation of Administration.

Smt. Bella is his wife, and they have three sons and one daughter.



M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR



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A senior Janata Dal leader, Shri. M.P. Veerendra Kumar has put his imprint in the field of literature, journalism and publishing industry. Born on July 26, 1936 as the son of Shri. M.K. Padma Prabha Gowder, Ex-MLA, Shri. Veerendra Kumar entered politics even while being a student, and has since been actively participating in various social and cultural activities in our state.

Getting elected to the 8th KLA in 1987 from Kalpetta as a Janata Party Candidate, he was the Minister for Forests for a short spell from 2..4..1987 to 7..4..87.

In 1996, he was elected to Lok Sabha from Kozhikode. He has served as Minister of State for Finance from February 21 to June 9, 1997 and as the Minister of State for Labour (independent charge) with additional charges of Urban Affairs, Employment and Parliamentary Affairs during 1997-98. He continues to be a member of Lok Sabha since 2004.

Shri. Veerendra Kumar has served at different times as National Treasurer, SSP, Secretary, Socialist Party (Kerala), National Secretary, Socialist Party, Member, National Executive of Janata Party, General Secretary, Janata Party and Convenor, Liaison Committee of Opposition parties.

He had to go underground and later even undergo imprisonment during emergency. His properties were also confiscated during the time .

Shri. Veerendra Kumar is a leading figure in the publishing industry as well, being the Chairman and MD of Mathrubhumi publications. He has also served as member, National Executive of Indian Eastern Newspaper Society, Chairman, Regional Committee, INES, and Director, Press Institute of India and PTI .

A gifted writer as well, he has to his credit several volumes such as “Ramante Dukham”, “Gattum Kaanacharadukalum” and “Buddhante Chiri”.

Smt. Usha is his wife, and they have 1 son and 3 daughters.



V. VISWANATHA MENON



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Shri. V. Viswanatha Menon, popularly known as 'Ambadi Viswam', was born on 15th January 1927 as the son of Ambadi Shri. Narayana Menon and Vadakkoot Smt. Lekshmikutty Amma.

An Advocate and a renowned leader, Shri. Menon entered politics during his student life at the age of 13. He was suspended from Sri Rama Varma High School during the Quit India movement, and later in 1947, expelled from Maharajas College, Ernakulam. Shri. Menon was also imprisoned for three years for various political reasons including the Edapally Police Station Raid Case and went underground for more than two years.

Shri. Menon was elected to Lok Sabha in 1967 and was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1980. Shri. Menon subsequently became elected, also as a member of Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1987 from Thrippunithura Constituency as a CPI (M) candidate. Shri. Menon served as the Minister for Finance from 2-4-1987 to 17-6-1991, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

He has held other important positions as well, at different times, and was Member, Ernakulam Municipal Council from 1956 to 1958, Member, Cochin University Senate, Member, All India Working Committee, CITU, and Member, State Committee of CPI (M).

Smt. Prabhavathi Menon is his wife, and they have two sons.



PROFESSOR N.M. JOSEPH



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Shri. N.M.Joseph, Professor and political leader, was born as the son of Shri.Joseph Mathew on 18.10.1943.

Entering politics through KSU and Youth Congress, he became State Vice-President of Youth Congress (O) and later joined the Janatha Party in 1977. Shri. Joseph had been working as a Professor in St.Thomas College, Palai.

Prof. Joseph became elected to the 8th KLA from Poonjar constituency contesting as Janatha Party Member. He served as the Minister for Forests from 14.04.1987 to 17.06.1991 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry.

Prof. Joseph had held other important positions as well, in different walks of life .

Before his election to Kerala Legislative Assembly, he was the Member of Kerala University Senate from 1980 to 1984. He was the Vice-President of Janatha Party and its District Committee President. From 1981 to 1984 he served as the General Secretary of the All Kerala Private College Teachers Association (A.K.P.C.T.A.) . He has also been, for some time, President of Palai Marketing Society.

His wife is Smt. Elizabeth Joseph, and they have one son and one daughter.



1991

P.K. KUNHALIKUTTY



Shri. P.K. Kunhalikutty, veteran Muslim League leader, was born on January 6, 1951 at Malappuram, as the son of Shri. Mohammed Haji and Smt. K.P. Pathummakutty. A graduate in Commerce, he is also a diploma holder in Business Management.

Entering politics through the MSF, he later became its State Treasurer. Shri Kunhalikutty subsequently served as Chairman, Malappuram Municipality and has had a remarkable stint also as Secretary of Kerala State Muslim League .

Shri. Kunhalikutty became elected to KLA five times, in 1982 and 1987, contesting from Malappuram constituency, and in 1991, 1996 and 2001, from Kuttippuram constituency .

He served as Minister for Industries and Social Welfare from 24..6..1991 to 16..3..1995 in the Karunakaran Ministry, Minister for Industries and Municipalities from 22..3..1995 to 9..5..1996, and Minister for Industries, IT and Social Welfare from 17..5..2001 to 29..8..04, in the A.K. Antony Ministry and Minister for Industries, IT & Social Welfare, from August 31, 2004 to January 4, 2005 in the Oommen Chandy Ministry.

At present the General Secretary of Muslim League , he has been the leader of the Muslim League Legislature party since 1991.

He is also serving presently as Director, Chandrika Daily and Director, Muhammed Koya International Foundation.

Married to Smt. K.M. Kulsu, they have one son and one daughter.



M.V. RAGHAVAN



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Shri. M.V. Raghavan , veteran leader popularly known as MVR, was born as the son of Shri. Sankaran Nambiar and Smt. Thambai Amma on 5th May 1933 at Pappinisseri.

He entered politics early in 1948 as an active worker of the Communist Party. During his long and eventful political career, he had been detained for 30 months under DIR, from November 1964. He went underground during the emergency period and was arrested under MISA and imprisoned , for about 10 months, in Kannur Central Jail. In 1986 he formed a new Party, Communist Marxist Party (CMP) and became its General Secretary.

Shri. Raghavan became elected to KLA for the first time in 1970, from Madayi constituency as a CPI (M) candidate and again in 1977 from Thaliparamba, 1980 from Kuthuparamba and yet again in 1982 from Payyannur as a candidate of CPI (M). In 1987, he became elected from Azhikode constituency, as a CMP candidate. In 1991 he got elected from Kazhakkuttom constituency and again in 2001, from Thiruvananthapuram - West.

Shri. Raghavan served as the Minister for Co-operation from 24.6.1991 to 16.3.1995 in the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran, and from 22.3.1995 to 9.5.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri A.K.

Antony. He served again, as the Minister for Co-operation and Ports, in the Ministry, headed by Shri. A.K. Antony from 17.5.2001 to 29.8.2004. Presently he is the Minister for Co-operation and Ports in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, and he has been holding that portfolio since 31.8.2004.

Shri. Raghavan has held other important positions as well, including serving as Pappinissery Panchayat President for 16 years. Now he is the President, A.K.G. Memorial Co-operative Hospital, Kannur, Papinisseri Visha Chikilsa Society, and the Ayurveda Medical College, Parassinikadavu. Besides, he is the Chairman, Kerala Co-operative Hospital Complex and Center for Advanced Medical Sciences Ltd., Pariyaram, and Vice-Chairman, Academy of Medical Sciences, Pariyaram.

Smt. C.V. Janaki is his wife and they have three sons and one daughter.



R. RAMACHANDRAN NAIR



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Shri. R. Ramachandran Nair, NSS activist and political leader, was born as the son of Shri. P. Raghavan Pillai and Smt. M.P. Kalyani Amma on 22-12-1934.

A lawyer by profession, he was connected with Communist movement in the beginning. Later joining the Kerala Congress, he was an active member of Kuttanad Karshaka Sanghom. Shri. Nair who came to public life through the NSS, later joined the NDP.

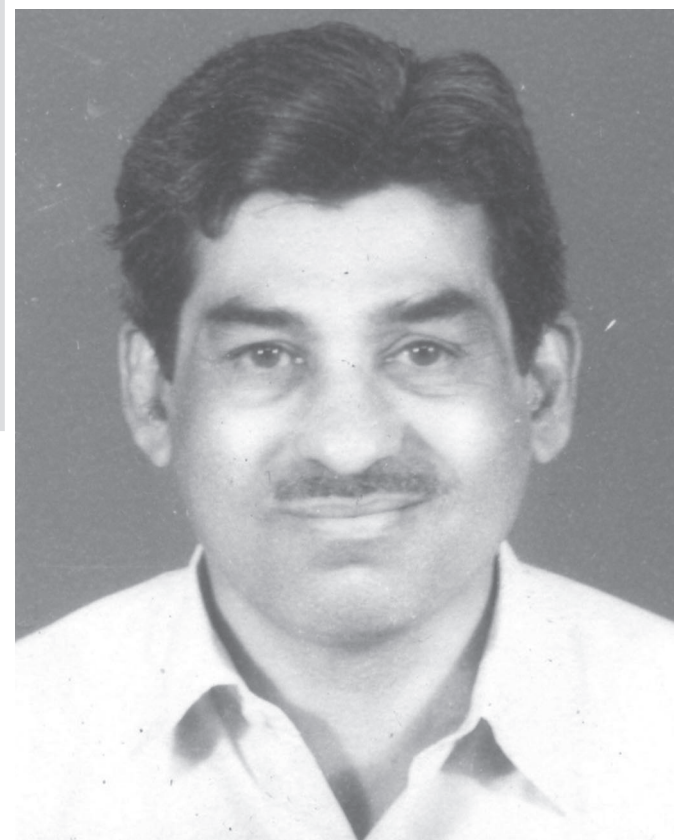
Shri. Ramachandran Nair became elected to the 9th KLA, from Aranmula constituency contesting as an NDP member. Shri. Nair served as the Minister for Health in the Karunakaran Ministry from 24-6-1991 to 5-6-1994.

Besides being a Director Board member of NSS and Registrar of NSS Karayogams, he was also a Member of Kerala University Senate.

His wife is Smt. P.N. Vanajakshi Amma and they have one son.



C.T. AHAMMED ALI



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Shri. C.T. Ahammed Ali, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 5th April, 1944 at Chemnad to Smt. K. Khadeejabi and Shri. C.T. Abdullah.

Shri. Ali entered politics as a student, quite early in life through Muslim Students Federation in 1957.

At present Working Committee Member of Muslim League State Committee, Shri. Ali has also served as Treasurer, Muslim League Committee, Kasargod and as Treasurer, Swathanthra Karshaka Sangham, State Committee.

Shri. Ahammed Ali has been elected to the KLA from the Kasargod constituency for six times consecutively from the 6th to 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly. He had been elected in 1980, 1982, 1987, 1991, 1996 and yet again in 2001.

Shri Ahammed Ali served as Minister for Local Administration from 29-6-1991 to 16-3-1995 in the Karunakaran Ministry and again became Minister for Public Works from 20-4-1995 to 9-5-1996 in the A.K. Antony Ministry. During his tenure as the Minister for Local Administration The Kerala Panchayat Raj Bill, 1994 and The Kerala Municipality Bill 1994 were passed by the Assembly.

Besides political activities, Shri. Ali is very much engaged in social field also. He is Manager, Chemnad Jamaat H.S.S., Member, M.E.S. District Committee, Member, Kasaragod Muslim Educational Trust. Married to Smt. A. Ummalimma, they have one son and three daughters.



P.K.K. BAVA



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Shri. P.K.K. Bava, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 1st September, 1949, as the son of Shri Noorudheen Mohammed Bava Musliar and Smt. Fathima.

A former teacher, he entered politics through M.S.F., while a student and later served as the President of Youth League, Quilandy Taluk. During 1974-90 he was also President of Muslim Youth League State Committee.

Shri. Bava became elected to the 7th and 8th KLA from Guruvayoor constituency, 9th KLA from Eravipuram, 10th KLA from Kondotty and to the 11th KLA, again from Guruvayoor constituency as a Muslim League Member.

From 29.6.1991 to 16.3.1995 Shri Bava was the Minister for Works in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran and from 20.4.1995 to 9.5.1996 he was the Minister for Panchayat and Social Welfare in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony .

Shri. Bava had also served as a member of KSRTC Advisory Council for four years, besides serving as a member of Chemancherry Panchayat.

Presently a member of Muslim League Secretariat, he is also General Secretary, Kozhikode District Muslim League, Secretary, Muslim League Legislature Party, President , Kerala Muslim Educational Association, and President, Kerala Private Colleges and Schools Non-Teaching Staff League.

His wife is Smt. Umaina and they have 3 sons and 1 daughter.



E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER



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Born on July 1, 1946 at Mapprom in Malappuram District to Shri. Moosakutty and Smt. Fathima, Shri. E.T. Mohammed Basheer, renowned Muslim League leader, brings with him a long political and trade union experience spanning over three decades. A good orator even at school level, he had also won 1st prize in elocution in State Youth Festival.

Entering politics through the MSF, he became actively engaged later, in the trade union field and got elected as State Secretary of STU. He also worked as President of various trade unions affiliated to STU, in industrial firms like Mavoor Gwalior Rayons, Malabar Cements, Palakkad, Malabar Spinning Mills, Kozhikode and Steel complex, Kozhikode.

Shri. Basheer became elected to the 7th KLA in a bye-election from Peringalam held on 28.2.1985, and was subsequently elected to the 9th, 10th and 11th KLA from Tirur constituency as a Muslim League candidate.

Shri. Basheer was the Minister for Education in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran from 29.6.1991 to 16.3.1995, and again from 20.04.1995 to 09.05.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. On September 5, 2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy he took charge as the Minister for Education for the third time.

Presently, the State Secretary and Deputy Leader of the IUML, he was a member in the Janardhanan Reddy Commission, Veerappa Moily Commission and Minority Education Monitoring Committee. He is also serving as Malappuram District Committee Secretary and State Secretariat Member of Muslim League.

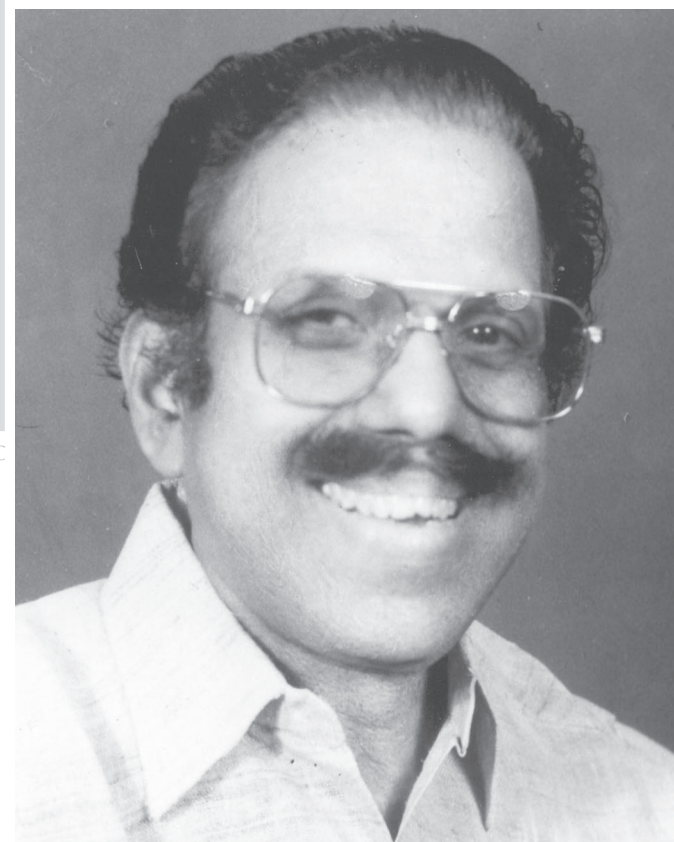
He was the recipient of a number of awards including Silver Elephant Award for conducting Jamboori Meet at Palakkad, Sir Syed Award and Karma Sreshta Award for Best Administrator, Seethi Sahib Award for best Parliamentarian and Special Award by Anti-Narcotic Council for eradicating narcotics from School premises.

In his literary pursuits, he published a number of articles and short stories in periodicals and has won the award for best short story writer in the competition conducted for Legislators in connection with Legislature day celebrations. Shri. Basheer has attended a three months' workshop conducted by Indian Social Institute, Bangalore, World Malayalee Conference at Berlin and presented a thesis on '21st Century Development Options' in the N.G.O. International Seminar at Oslo.

Married to Smt.Rukkiya, they have 3 sons and 1 daughter.



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Shri. P.P. George, senior Congress leader, was born on 25.07.1935 as the son of Shri. Poullose and Smt.Mary in Pudukkad, Trichur district.

He entered politics through the Indian National Congress. A teacher by profession, he had also been actively engaged in trade union activities since the fifties. During 1959-60 he had served as General Convenor, Trichur District Committee of Kerala Liberation Struggle movement and was Executive Committee Member of KPCC during 1965-2001. And during 1969-72, he served as Member of AICC. Shri. P.P. George became elected to the 3rd Kerala Legislative Assembly from Chalakudy constituency as Congress party member. He was again elected from the same constituency in the 4th KLA also.

Shri. George was elected, yet again to the 8th KLA in 1987 from Thiruvambadi constituency and to the 9th KLA in 1991 from Ollur constituency.

He served as the Minister for Agriculture in the Ministry headed by Shri.K.Karunakaran from 02.07.1991 to 16.03.1995.

He continues to represent Ollur constituency in the 11th KLA. He is the Whip of Congress Parliamentary Party in the 11th KLA.

He was the Secretary of Congress Parliamentary party during 1971-1977. During the 4th KLA, he was the Chairman of the Estimates Committee from 1976 to 1977. Shri.George has also served as the Director of KTDC from 1982 to 1986 and Vice-Chairman of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board from 1986 to 1987. A member of KPCC from 1962, he has been a member of the Senate and Syndicate of Calicut University and an Executive Member of Kerala Agricultural University.

At present a member also of AICC, Shri. George has held other important positions in the Congress party as well, and was President of Thrissur D.C.C. from 1981 to 1982 and the KPCC General Secretary from 1978 to 1998.

His wife is Smt. C.L.Reetha and they have one son and one daughter.



T.H. MUSTHAFFA



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Shri. T.H. Musthaffa, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. T.K.M. Hydrose and Smt. Fatima Beevi, on 7th December 1941, at Vazhakulam.

An active trade unionist, he entered politics while a student, and rose to prominence as an active worker of Congress Party, holding high offices including President, Block Congress Committee, and General Secretary, District Youth Congress Committee. He has also had the distinction of chairing several political and trade union conferences held during 1970-75, at a relatively young age.

Shri. Musthaffa became elected to the KLA for the first time in 1977, from Aluva constituency, as a Congress candidate. He was again elected to the KLA in 1982, 1987, 1991 and 2001 from Kunnathunadu constituency.

Shri. Musthaffa has served as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran .

Shri. Musthaffa acted as Pro-tem Speaker in 1982 and was also the Deputy Leader of Congress Legislature Party twice, in 1982 and 1984.

He has held important party positions as well, and was General Secretary ,DCC Ernakulam , President, DCC Ernakulam, General Secretary, KPCC during 1978- 1983, Vice - President , KPCC during 1983-1997. He was elected as Member, INTUC State Working Committee and National Council.

Shri. Musthaffa has also served as Vice-Chairman of Kerala Khadi and Village Industries Board during 1982 - 1986, Director, Ernakulam District Co-operative Bank Ltd. and Director, Cochin International Airport Authority, Nedumbassery. A former member of the Senate of Cochin University of Science and Technology he is also President, Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation, Cochin, besides heading several unions, societies and charitable institutions.

As one associated with social and cultural activities, he was Founder Member of Perumbavoor Fine Arts Society and office bearer of several other organisations.

Smt. Refika Beegum is his wife and they have six sons and one daughter.



M.T. PADMA



Smt. M.T. Padma, lawyer and senior leader, was born as the daughter of Shri. M. Govindan and Smt. C.T. Kausalya on 9th January 1943 at Kannur.

She entered politics even while a student by actively participating in students movements and later serving as Vice-President, KSU Kozhikode Unit, and Vice-President, KSU State Unit.

Smt. Padma became elected to the KLA from Quilandy Constituency in 1987 and 1991. She was Minister for Fisheries and Rural Development from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, and Minister for Fisheries and Registration from 3.5.1995 to 9.5.1996, in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

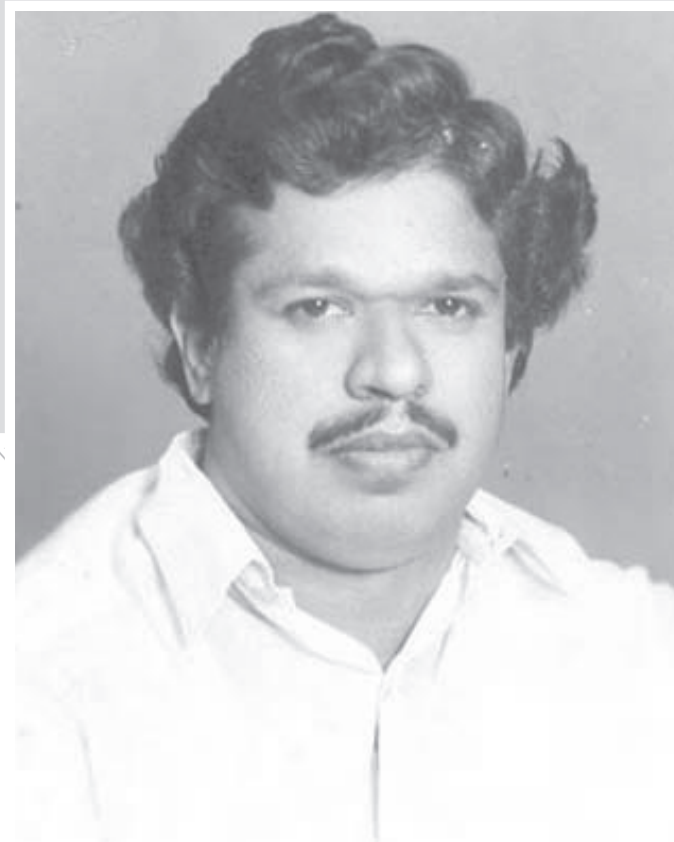
Smt. Padma has held several party positions as well, including serving as Secretary, DCC Kozhikode, and Treasurer, DCC Kozhikode. She was also Member, Family Welfare Committee, Social Welfare Board and Orphanage Committee. An active Member of KPCC, she was also General Secretary of the State Mahila Congress.

Smt. Padma is now a prominent Leader of Democratic Indira Congress.

Shri. M. Radhakrishnan is her husband and they have one son and one daughter.



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Shri. M.R. Reghuchandra Bal, noted Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. M. Raghavan Nadar and Smt. Kamala Bai on 12th March 1950 at Kanjiramkulam.

He started his political career while studying for LLB course, in the Thiruvananthapuram Law Academy. Later, he served as the President of Kanjiramkulam Panchayat.

Shri. Reghuchandra Bal became elected as a Member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly as an INC (I) Candidate in 1980 from Kovalam constituency, and also in 1991 from Parassala constituency.

Shri. Reghuchandra Bal held the Office of the Minister for Excise, from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

Smt. C.M. Omana is his wife and they have two sons.



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Shri. N. Ramakrishnan, senior Congress leader, was born at Anjarakkandi on March 13, 1941, as the son of Shri. K. Raghavan.

Entering politics through the Congress Party, Shri. Ramakrishnan subsequently became President, Kannure DCC and General Secretary, KPCC. He has also served as General Secretary of Youth Congress.

Shri. Ramakrishnan became elected to the 4th KLA in 1970, from the Edakkadu Constituency, and later to the 9th KLA in 1991 from Cannannore. Shri. Ramakrishnan was Minister for Labour from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995, in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran.

He has also served, at different times, as the Chairman of Kannur Municipality, and the Chairman of Chamber of Municipal Chairmen. Besides, he had served as Chairman, Kerala Handloom Development Corporation and Member, Khadi and Village Industries Board, National Handloom Development Corporation, and SSI Board, Government of India.

Smt. C.K. Jayalekshmi is his wife, and they have one son and two daughters

PANDALAM SUDHAKARAN



Shri. Sudhakaran, Congress leader, popularly known as Pandalam Sudhakaran, was born as the son of Shri Kochadichan, on 20th November 1955, at Pandalam. Besides being a political leader, he is a promising poet and cine lyricist.

He entered politics while at school, through KSU, and was the General Secretary of the KSU (I) from 1978 to 1982 and Vice-President, Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress (I), and later became its President.

Shri. Sudhakaran became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1982 as Congress party candidate from Wandoor Constituency. He got elected again in 1982, '87 and '91 from the same constituency, representing the Congress Party.

Shri. Pandalam Sudhakaran served as the Minister for SC/ST Development, Sports and Youth Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran, from 2.7.1991 to 16.3.1995 and the Minister for Excise & Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities, from 3.5.1995 to 9.5.1996, in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Shri. Sudhakaran held several other important positions as well at different times and was Syndicate Member, Mahatma Gandhi University, Senate Member, Calicut University. Advisory Board Member,

Trivandrum Doordarshan Kendra, Director Board Member, KSFDC and Jury, State Film Award Committee. A member also of the All India Congress Committee, he is presently the Chairman, Kerala Tourism Development Corporation.

Smt. Ajitha is his wife and they have one son.



K.P. VISWANATHAN



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Shri. K.P. Viswanathan, Congress leader and Advocate, was born as the son of Shri. Kallayil Pangan and Smt. Parukutty on 22nd April, 1940 at Kunnamkulam.

During his school and college days, he was actively engaged in sports and games and was the Basket Ball Team Captain in Kerala Varma College, Thrissur and Athletic and Hockey team member. He had also participated in dramas, during this period.

Entering politics through the Youth Congress, he has served as President, Thrissur District youth Congress from 1967 to 1970, and has remained an active member of KPCC since 1972.

Shri. Viswanathan became elected to KLA in 1977 and 1980 from Kunnamkulam constituency as an INC member. He was subsequently elected to the Assembly in 1987, 1991, 1996 and yet again in 2001, from Kodakara constituency.

Shri. Viswanathan has served as the Minister for Forest from 2.7.1991 to 16.11.1994 in the Ministry headed by Shri. K. Karunakaran and from 5.9.2004 to 10.2.2005 in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy. Currently he is serving as Chairman, Committee on Private Members Bills and Resolutions.

A recipient of the National Award from Anti Narcotic Council of India, for the performance achieved in anti-narcotic activities and Preservation of Forests, during his tenure as Minister for Forests, he had also been awarded Best Parliamentarian Award (Mathruka Samajik) instituted by Thrissur Cultural Centre.

Presently a member of the KPCC executive, Shri. Viswanathan has served, at different times, as Secretary, Thrissur D.C.C., Secretary, Congress Parliamentary Party, Member, Khadi Board, Member, K.S.R.T.C Director Board, President, Thrissur District Co-operative Bank, Member, Kerala State Co-operative Union Managing Committee, Director, State Co-operative Bank, and Chairman, B.D.C, Chowannur.

Married to Smt. M.P. Lalitha, they have two sons.



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Shri. G. Karthikeyan, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Gopala Pillai and Smt. Vanajakshi Amma on 20th January 1949 at Varkala.

Entering politics through students' movement, he later served as the Treasurer, General Secretary and President of KSU. He was also the student member of the Kerala University Senate and Secretary, Kerala University Union. Besides, he was the State General Secretary and President of Youth Congress. He had also participated in several International Students and Youth Conferences as India's representative.

In 1982 Shri. Karthikeyan became a Member of the Assembly for the first time, representing Trivandrum North constituency. He was again elected to the KLA in 1991, 1996 & 2001 from Aryanadu constituency.

Shri. Karthikeyan served as the Minister for Electricity from 20.4.1995 to 9.5.1996, and again as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004, in the Ministries headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

He had also a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Petitions Committee during 1991- 93, and House Committee during 1993-95. He was also the Chief Whip of the Party in the 9th KLA and Deputy Leader

of Congress Legislature Party during the 9th and 10th KLA. Alongwith, he has served, at different times, as General Secretary and Vice – President of K.P.C.C.

Dr. M.T. Sulekha, Principal, NSS Women’s College, Trivandrum, is his wife and they have two sons.



V.M. SUDHEERAN



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Shri. V.M. Sudheeran , esteemed leader of Congress , was born on May 26, 1948 at Padiyam village in Anthikad, as the son of Vailoppilly Shri. Sankaran Mama and Smt. Girija.

As one actively associated in students' and youth movements, right from an early age, Shri. Sudheeran has held many high offices in this regard, including serving as President, KSU during 1971-73, and President, KPYC during 1975-77. During 1977-79, he was also General Secretary, Indian Youth Congress.

Shri. Sudheeran became elected to the 6th KLA in 1980 and in the subsequent Assemblies of 1982, 1987 and 1991, all from the Manalur Constituency. He was the Minister for Health from 20.4.1995 to 9.5.1996 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Earlier, Shri. Sudheeran had graced the Seat of Speaker in the 7th KLA from 8.3.1985 to 27.3.1987.

Again, as Chairman of Legislature Committees, he had chaired Estimates Committee during 1982-84 and the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1984-85.

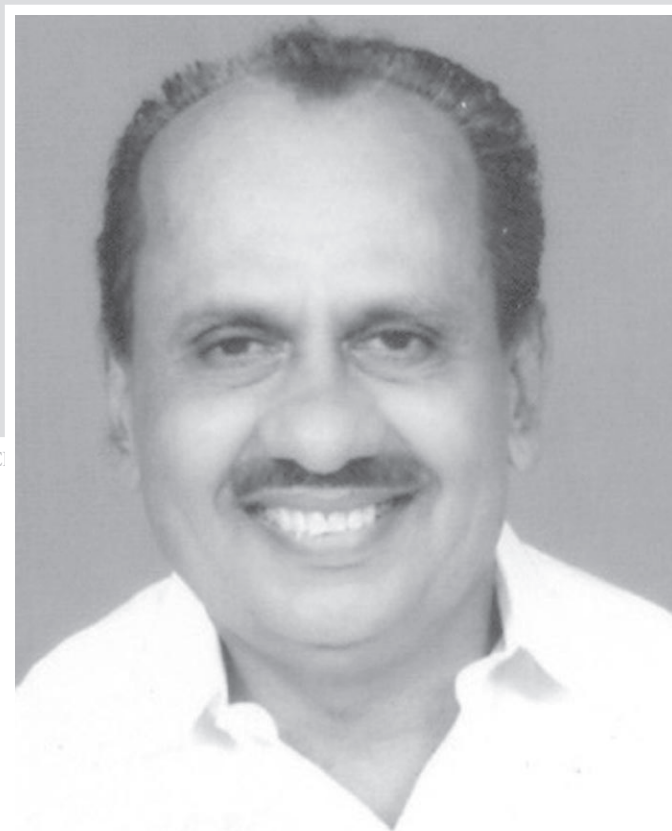
In 1990-91, he was the General Secretary of KPCC and Vice President of KPCC. He has also for long been a member of AICC.

Shri. Sudheeran also has had a remarkable stint as Member of Lok Sabha, getting elected during 1977-79, 1996-97, 1998-99 and 1999-2004, all from the Alapuzha Constituency. As an MP, Shri. Sudheeran was Member, Committee on Railways during 1996-97, Member, Committee on Human Resources Development and Convenor of its Sub Committee on Education during 1998-99 and also during 1999 – 2000. During 1998-99, he was also Member of National Shipping Board and Coir Board, and during 2000-2001 he was a Member of Ethics Committee.

Smt. Latha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter .



K.K. RAMACHANDRAN MASTER



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Shri. K.K. Ramachandran Master, senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. P. Narayanan Nambiar and Smt. Rugmini Amma on 11th December 1936 at Nedumbram. A teacher by profession, he entered politics through the Youth Congress and later held important positions in the party.

Shri. Ramachandran Master became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly for the first time in 1980 from Sultan's Battery constituency. In 1982 and in 1987 also, he represented the same constituency. In 1991, 1996 and 2001 he was elected from Kalpetta constituency.

Shri. Ramachandran Master served as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony from 3.5.1995 to 9.5.1996. He has also been the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, from 5.9.2004 to 14-1-2006.

Shri. Ramachandran Master has also served at different times as Secretary, and later President, D.C.C. Kozhikode, Vice President, State INTUC, Secretary, Congress Legislature Party, and General Secretary, K.P.C.C. Alongwith, he has been Member, Indian Coffee Board, President, Kerala Water Authority Employees Association, President, CWRDM Employees Association and President, Kerala State Retail Ration Dealers Association.

Smt. K. Padmini is his wife and they have three sons.

P.P. THANKACHAN



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Shri. P.P. Thankachan , successful lawyer and Parliamentarian, was born on July 29, 1939 at Angamali in Ernakulam District, as the son of the Rev. Father Paulose.

As one actively involved in extra curricular activities apart from studies, right from student days, Shri. Thankachan had won the Best Students' Award of SH College, Thevara , Cochin , during 1956-57.

A graduate who later groomed into a practicing lawyer of repute, Shri. Thankachan also holds a Diploma in Public Administration.

In 1968 , Shri. Thankachan became the youngest Municipal Chairman in the country, on his getting elected to the Perumbavoor Municipal Council, holding the post till 1980. During 1980-85, he also served as the Leader of Opposition in the same Municipal Council.

Again, holding the Presidentship of various trade unions in the state, Shri. Thankachan also served as the President, Ernakulam DCC , from 1977 to 1989.

Shri. Thankachan became elected to the 7th KLA in 1982 and also in the subsequent Assemblies of 1987, 1991 and 1996 , all from the Perumbavoor constituency, under the Congress ticket. He was also the Secretary INC (I) during 1987-91.

Shri. Thankachan was Minister for Agriculture from 3.5.1995 to 20.5.1996 , in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. From 1996 to 2001, Shri. Thankachan held the Office of Opposition Chief Whip in the Tenth Kerala Legislative Assembly.

Earlier, Shri. Thankachan had also graced the Chair of Speaker of Assembly in the 9th KLA from 1.7.1991 to 3.5.1995.

In a career spanning almost four decades, Shri. Thankachan had served in different capacities in all walks of life, including serving as Chairman, Kerala Market Fed and as Vice President of KPCC during 2001 -04. He was appointed Acting President of KPCC in 2004, and later became Convenor of the UDF .

Smt. T.V. Thankamma is his wife, and they have one son and two daughters.



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Shri. K.E. Ismail, senior CPI leader, was born on 10th September 1941 as the son of Shri. K.C.Ebrahim.

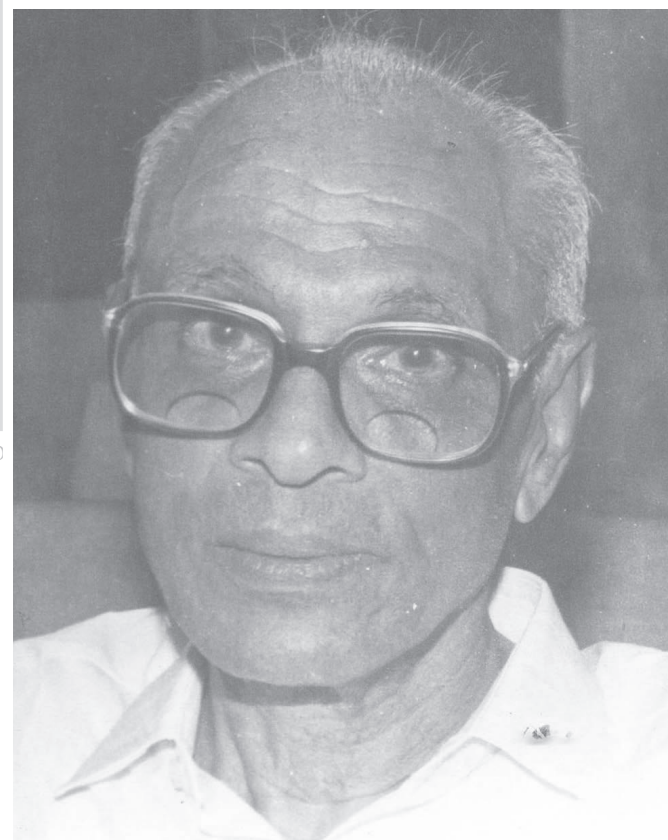
He entered politics through the students movement in 1956. Later, during 1962-64 he served in the Indian Army. However, he was dismissed from service for being a Communist. He is actively associated with the farmer's union affiliated to the Communist Party of India.

Shri Ismail became elected to the 7th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Pattambi constituency as CPI member. He continued to represent Pattambi constituency in the 9th and 10th KLA. From 20.5.1996 to 13.5.2001 he served as the Minister for Revenue in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

Apart from being the General Secretary of the Kerala State Karshaka Thozhilali Federation he has been at different times, Assistant Secretary, CPI State Council, and Member, State Executive Committee and National Council of CPI.

His wife is Smt. M.K. Sabi, and they have two sons and one daughter.

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Shri. Paloli Mohammed kutty, veteran leader of CPI (M), was born on 11.11.1931. After school education, he became a member of the Communist Party of India in 1951.

During the course of a long political career, he has served at different times as District Secretary of CPI (M), Malappuram, State Secretary and President, Kerala Karshaka Sanghom. He was President, Puzhakkattiri Panchayat during 1964 and Director Board Member, KSFE during 1987-91. A pioneer in the Library movement in Malabar area, he served also as Director, Desabhimani Printing and Publishing Company.

Shri. Paloli Mohammed Kutty became elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967, from Perinthalmanna, as a CPI (M) member. After a gap, he was again elected in 1996 to the 10th KLA contesting from Ponnani constituency.

Sri Paloli served as the Minister for Local Administration from 20.5.1996 to 13.5.2001 in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

At present, he is the Convenor of LDF, besides being All India Vice-President of Kisan Sabha, and member of the State Committee and Central Committee of the CPI (M).

His wife is Smt. Khadeeja and they have two sons and two daughters.

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Shri. K. Radhakrishnan, young and upcoming leader from the Communist Party of India (M), was born on May 24, 1964, as the son of Shri. M.C Kochunni and Smt. Chinna, at Pullikkanam, in Idukki District.

Entering politics while being a student through the SFI, Shri. Radhakrishnan, a graduate, later served as Thrissur District Committee Member and Thrissur District Secretariat Member. He was also in the Executive Committee of the DYFI in Thrissur District.

He had to endure assault by the Police while leading student agitation against the educational policies of the Government.

Shri. Radhakrishnan had been elected to Thrissur District Council in 1991 from Vallathol Nagar Division.

Shri. Radhakrishnan became elected to the 10 KLA in 1996 and to the 11th KLA in 2001, both from Chelakkara Constituency. He served as the Minister for the Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities from 20-5-1996 to 13-5-2001, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

As one actively involved in the problems of the agricultural labourers, Shri. Radhakrishnan has also been an office bearer of the KSKTU in Thrissur district.

Shri. Radhakrishnan is associated also with the literacy movement and activities of the Kerala Sastra Sahitya Parishad.

At present he is a member of the DYFI State Committee.

Shri. K. Radhakrishnan is a bachelor.



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Shri. V.K. Rajan, senior C.P.I. Leader, was born as the son of Shri. V.P. Kumaran in September 1940 at Pulloot, Kodungalloor.

He entered the political arena while being a student, associating with the CPI in 1956.

Later, actively participating in the Trade Union Movements, he had been imprisoned several times for participating in workers' agitations.

In 1977, Shri. Rajan became elected as a member of KLA from Kodungalloor constituency as a CPI candidate, and he represented the same constituency in 1980, 1982 and in 1987. Getting elected to the KLA yet again, in 1996 from Mala constituency, Shri. Rajan served as Minister for Agriculture from 20.5.1996 to 29.5.1997, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

Shri. Rajan was also, at different times, Member, State Council of CPI and CPI State Executive, Secretary, Thrissur District Committee of CPI, and CPI Parliamentary Party. He also served as President

of a number of trade unions affiliated to AITUC, including District Private Motor Worker's Union and Autoriksha Drivers' Union, Kodungalloor and Trichur.

Smt. K.K. Sathy is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.

Shri. V.K. Rajan expired on 29.5.1997 while serving as Minister.

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 23.6.1997.



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Smt. Suseela Gopalan, senior CPI(M) leader, was born as the daughter of Shri.Velukutty Thandan, on 29th December 1929 at Thrissur.

Joining the Communist Party in 1948, she was active in students' movements and had participated in the student struggle in 1947 against the then Diwan of Travancore. She was expelled from the college, due to political activities and had to study in four colleges for completing her B.A.Course. She had been jailed for 16 months during 1965-66. During the Emergency period she was detained for one week.

Before becoming a Member of the Assembly she was thrice elected to Lok Sabha in 1967, 1980 and 1991. During her tenure as an MP she was Member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee on Amendment to Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961, during 1981-84. She also served as a Member of the Joint Select Committee on Amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure, during the same period.

Smt. Suseela Gopalan became elected to KLA in 1996 from Ambalapuzha constituency as a CPI(M) candidate. She was the Minister for Industries from 20.5.1996 to 13.5.2001 in the E.K.Nayanar Ministry.

She was also very much involved in literary activities and had translated the book “ The Golden Flower” from English to Malayalam.

During a long public life, Smt.Suseela Gopalan has served at different times as Member, Central Committee of CPI(M) since 1978, and Kerala State Secretariat of CPI(M). She was Secretary, Kerala Mahila Sangham, Women’s Federation, Kerala Working Women’s Co-ordination Committee, President, Kerala Coir Workers’ Centre, Vice President, All India CITU, Kerala Union CITU , President, All India Democratic Women’s Association and its General Secretary. Alongwith, she was also the Chairperson, Kerala Circle Co-ordination Committee for NFPT and was Member, Industries Standing Committee during 1992-95, besides being a member of Coir Board for 12 years.

A doyen among the Communist leaders, the late Shri. A.K.Gopalan, was her husband and they have one daughter.

Smt. Suseela Gopalan expired on 19.12.2001.

The Assembly paid its homage to her on 11.3.2002.



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Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan, veteran CPI(M) leader, was born on 21.3.1944 as the son of Shri. Koran at Pinarayi.

A graduate, whose forray into the political field was through the Kerala Students' Federation, Shri. Vijayan later became its District Secretary and State President. Besides, he has been the State President and Secretary, KSYF, District Secretary of CPI (M), Kannur and President, State Co-operative Bank.

During the course of an eventful political career, Shri. Vijayan had undergone imprisonment, in connection with the "Food Agitation", during 1965. He had to undergo imprisonment again, under MISA, and in the Cannanore Central Prison, for nearly 16 months, and had also to endure brutal police assault, many a time.

Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan became elected to the 4th Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1970 from Kuthuparamba Constituency, which he again represented in 1977 and 1991. In 1996 he got elected to the 10th KLA contesting from Payyannur Constituency.

Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan held the portfolio of Electricity and Co-operation from 20.5.1996 to 19.10.1998 in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar.

He had also been a member of the State Secretariat of CPI (M) and has also served as Secretary, Parliamentary Party of CPI(M).

Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan is presently the State Secretary, Kerala and Polit Bureau Member of CPI (M).

Smt. T. Kamala is his wife, and they have one son and one daughter.



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Shri. Krishnan Kaniyamparambil, renowned Communist leader, was born in 1948 as the son of Shri. Kittu at Manalur. Entering politics in 1965, through the CPI, he was actively involved in political activities early from school days. Later, he became active in the trade union field as well. He had to endure police assault, and also had to undergo imprisonment for a week, in connection with an AISF agitation, in 1968.

Shri. Kaniyamparambil became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly thrice, in 1987, 1991 and 1996 from Nattika constituency, contesting as CPI candidate.

Shri. Kaniyamparambil had served as the Minister for Agriculture from 9.6.1997 to 13.5.2001, in the Ministry headed by Shri. E.K. Nayanar. He had likewise a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on Government Assurances during 1991- 1996, and the Committee on Estimates from 1996 to 1997.

A member of State Committee of CPI, Shri. Krishnan Kaniyamparambil had served at different times, also as the Secretary, Thrissur District Committee of CPI, District President, Bharathiya Kisan Mazdoor Union, and State President of All India Federation of Fishermen.

Smt. Lathika is his wife and they have 2 sons.

Shri. Krishnan Kaniyamparambil expired on 12.2.2005

The Assembly paid its homage to him on 11.3.2005.



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V.P. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI



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Shri. V.P. Ramakrishna Pillai, senior R.S.P. leader, was born as the son of Shri. Parameswaran Pillai on November 12, 1931.

During student life, he was very much active in students movements. Subsequently he joined the K.S.P. Later, when the RSP was formed under the leadership of Shri R. Sreekantan Nair, Shri. T.K. Divakaran and others, he joined the new party.

Shri. Ramakrishna Pillai became elected to KLA in 1987 and 1996 from Eravipuram, as an R.S.P. candidate. Shri. Ramakrishna Pillai held the portfolio of Irrigation and Labour, in the Nayanar Ministry from 7.1.1998 to 13.5.2001.

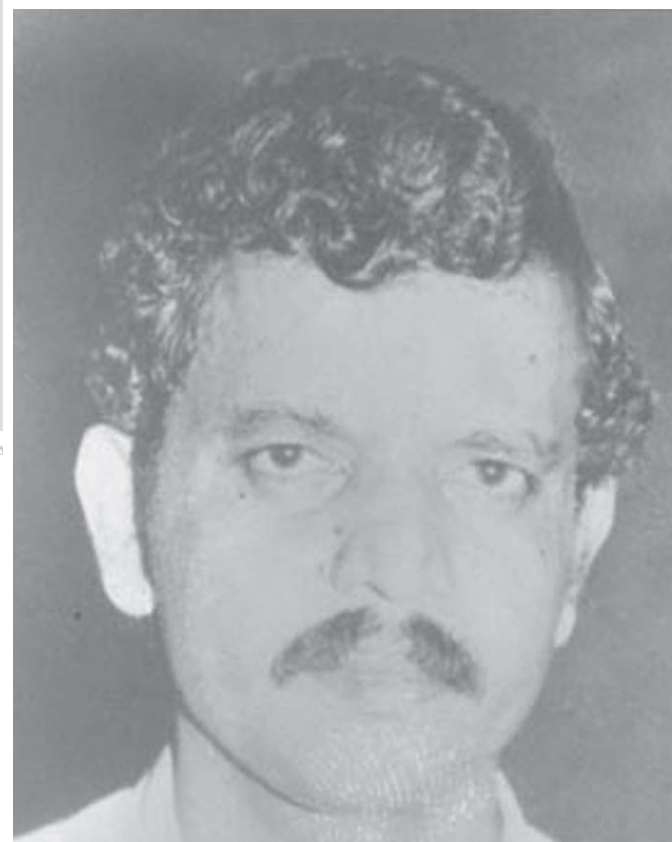
A Member of RSP National Committee and State Secretariat, he was likewise Secretary, RSP Kollam District Committee.

Shri. Pillai had served as Editor of "Pravaham" fortnightly.

He has been at the helm of affairs of many trade unions affiliated to the U.T.U.C. He is also the former Director of Kerala State Co-operative Bank, Kerala State Warehousing Corporation, Kerala State Coir Marketing Federation and Quilon District Co-operative Bank.

Smt. B. Bhanumathy Amma is his wife , and they have four sons and one daughter.

S. SARMA



Shri. S. Sarma upcoming CPI (M) leader, was born as the son of Shri. Sekharan on 24th October 1954. Starting his political career through Students Federation in 1972, he had actively been involved in various agitations by SFI and DYFI.

Becoming the District Secretary of DYFI in 1984, and its State President in 1986, he subsequently became the Central Committee Member of DYFI from 1988 to 1995, DYFI State Secretary and All India Vice-President and CPI(M) State Committee Member.

Shri. Sarma became elected to KLA in 1987 from Vadakkekara constituency, as a CPI (M) candidate. In 1991 and 1996 also, he won the Assembly polls from the same constituency.

Shri. Sarma served as the Minister for Electricity and Co-operation in the E.K. Nayanar Ministry, from 25.10.1998 to 13.5.2001.

He also Chaired the Public Undertakings Committee from 1996 to 1998.

Smt. Asha is his wife.

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Shri. V.C. Kabeer, renowned leader, was born as the son of Shri. Cheku Haji and Smt. Sulekha Umma on 10-5-1943.

A teacher by profession, he came to active politics through the students' wing of the Congress and Youth Congress. He had also been jailed for twenty days, in connection with the 'Vimochana Samaram.'

Shri V.C.Kabeer became elected to the 6th KLA, from Ottappalam constituency, as an INC (U) Member. He represented the same constituency subsequently as Congress (S) Member in the 7th, 9th and 10th KLA. He continued to represent Ottappalam constituency in the 11th KLA, as a Member of NCP.

In the Ministry headed by Shri.E.K.Nayanar, Shri V.C. Kabeer was the Minister for Health and Sports from 19-1-2000 to 13-5-2001.

He has also held at different times important positions in the Congress Party, and was Secretary, District Youth Congress during 1964-68, President, District Youth Congress Committee during 1970-78, Secretary, Palakkad DCC during 1977-80, President, DCC (S) during 1982-92 and Secretary KPCC(S) from 1992 to 2000.

Shri V.C.Kabeer resigned his membership in the 11th KLA on 11-8-2005.
His wife is Smt. A.A. Beepathu and they have two sons and one daughter.



C.K. NANU



Shri. C.K. Nanu, senior Janata Dal leader, was born as the son of Shri. C.K. Kunjappu and Smt. Chiruta on 6.9.1937 in Badagara.

Starting his political activities in 1958, as a Congress Seva Dal volunteer and as KSU and Youth Congress leader, Shri. Nanu later joined the Janata Party in 1977 and became one of its General Secretaries, and later of the Janata Dal. As one who had participated in the National Youth Congress meeting held at Lucknow against Emergency, he had been arrested and detained in the jail for 21 days, during that period.

Shri. Nanu became elected to the 10th and 11th KLA from Badagara constituency contesting as Janata Dal (Secular) member.

Shri. Nanu was the Minister for Forests, Transport and Devaswom in the Ministry headed by Shri. E. K. Nayanar from 17.2.2000 to 13.5.2001. He is presently the Leader of the Janata Dal Parliamentary party.

His wife is Smt. P. Madhavi and they have two sons.

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BABU DIVAKARAN



Shri. Babu Divakaran, renowned RSP leader and son of veteran leader, the late Shri. T.K. Divakaran, and Smt. Devayani was born on 5th November 1952, at Kollam.

A lawyer by profession, he became active in politics through Students and Youth Organisations of RSP, and was the President of RYF State Committee in 1983 and President of RYF National Committee in 1990.

Shri. Babu Divakaran became elected to the KLA for the first time in 1987, contesting from Kollam constituency as an RSP candidate. In 1996 and 2001 also, he got elected from the same constituency.

Shri. Babu Divakaran was the Minister for Labour from 17.5.2001 to 29.8.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony and continues to hold the same portfolio in the Oommen Chandy Ministry, holding it since 5.9.2004. He has also Chaired the Committee on Environment from 1998 to 2000.

Likewise Shri. Babu Divakaran has been at different times, Member, RSP State Committee (1987) and National Committee (1995). He is also an active Trade Union Leader of Cashew Workers, Coir Workers and other Trade Unions including KMML, Chavara, I.R.E., Chavara, Ceramics, Kundara, KEL, Kundara, U.E.I. , Kollam, and Parvathi Mills, Kollam.

Dr. G. Sudha is his wife and they have one daughter.

K.B. GANESH KUMAR



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Shri. K.B.Ganesh kumar, political leader and noted cine artist, was born on 25th May 1966 as the son of Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai, veteran leader, and Smt. Valsala Balakrishna Pillai.

Actively associated with the Association of Malayalam Movie Actors (AMMA), Shri. Ganesh Kumar, a Commerce Graduate, became elected to the 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly contesting from Pathanapuram constituency as a KC (B) candidate.

Shri. Ganesh Kumar had served as the Minister of Transport, from 17.5.2001 to 9.3.2003, in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Dr. Yamini Thankachi is his wife and they have one son.

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Shri. Cherkalam Abdullah, senior Muslim League leader, was born as the son of Shri. Barikad Muhammed Haji and Smt. Asyamma on 15th September 1942 at Cherkalam.

He entered politics by participating in the activities of the Muslim Youth League and was the General Secretary, and later President of Kannur District Muslim Youth League.

Shri. Abdullah became elected to the KLA in 1987 from Manjeswar constituency contesting as a Muslim League candidate. In the succeeding Assembly polls held in 1991, 1996 and 2001 also, he won the Manjeswar seat.

Shri. Abdullah served as the Minister for Local Self Government from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony. He has also a remarkable stint as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of the Backward Class Communities.

Shri. Abdullah has served at different times, as the Joint Secretary, IUML, Kannur District, President, General Secretary, IUML, Kasargod District, Secretariat member, IUML, Kerala State. He was also the Chairman of UDF, Kasargod District Liaison Committee.

Besides, he has been Member, Kasargod District Council, Calicut University Senate, and District Sports Council. He is Chairman, Backward class Ekopana Samithi, Kasargod, Manjeswaram Orphanage, and C.H. Mohammed Koya Centre for Development, Education, Science and Technology.

Smt. Ayisha is his wife and they have two sons and two daughters.



M.M. HASSAN



Shri. M.M. Hassan, senior Congress leader and lawyer, was born on May 14, 1947 as the son of Sri. M. Malik Mohammed and Smt. A Fathima Beevi.

He began his political career through students movement as an active member of K.S.U. , and later Youth Congress. He had been elected as the Chairman of Kerala University Union in 1972 and President of KSU in 1974.

Shri. Hassan became elected to the 6th KLA from Kazhakootam constituency as a Congress member. He represented Kazhakootam constituency, in the 7th KLA as well. In the 8th and 9th KLA he got elected from Trivandrum West constituency. He represents Kayamkulam constituency in the 11th KLA.

Shri. Hassan served as the Minister for Information and Parliamentary Affairs in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004.

Shri. M.M. Hassan had likewise served as the Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 1986-87. From 1991 to 1996, he was the Chairman of Committee on Public Undertakings.

Shri. M.M. Hassan was the Secretary of the Congress Parliamentary Party, and Chief Whip of Opposition Parties during 1987-91.

Besides being a member of the Kerala University Senate during 1969-72, he has been a Member, Kerala State Education Advisory Board and Kerala Sahitya Academy. During 1972-74, he was also the editor of the Journal "Kalasala". Since 1981, he has been the President of the Kerala State Co-Operative Housing Federation. He is the Vice-Chairman, National Co-operative Housing Federation as well. In the Congress Party, he has served as the President, D.C.C. Thiruvananthapuram, General Secretary, Kerala Pradesh Youth Congress and General Secretary, K.P.C.C.

A strong advocate of the rights of the non-resident Indians, he has been clamouring for their cause as a Minister, and later as the Chairman of 'Roots'.

His wife is Smt. A.K. Rahia and they have a daughter.



DR. M.A. KUTTAPPAN



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Dr. M.A. Kuttappan, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. A. Ayyappan and Smt. Kalyani on 12th April, 1947 at Valakuzhi, Pathanamthitta District. A Doctor by Profession, he resigned from Government Service for active participation in political and social work.

Soon he joined the Indian National Congress and worked for the upliftment of the down-trodden and weaker sections of the Community, including Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

In 1980 Dr. M.A. Kuttappan became elected to the Kerala Legislative Assembly from Wandoor constituency representing INC(I). In 1987 he was again elected to KLA from Chelakkara constituency. In 1996 and 2001 also, he won the Assembly polls, representing Njarakkal. During 1996-2001 he was the Whip of Congress Legislature Party in the Assembly.

Dr. Kuttappan was the Minister for the Welfare of the Backward and Scheduled Communities from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

As a Medical Practitioner, he had served previously as Tutor, Paediatric Surgery in Medical College, Alappuzha from 1973 to 1975, Assistant Surgeon, Kerala Health Services from 1975 to 1980 and Medical Officer, Cochin Port Trust Hospital from 1983 to 1987.

Dr. Kuttappan has served also, at different times, as Member, Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Southern Railway Group 'D' Recruitment Board, and Calicut University Senate. Besides, he has been the Secretary, Bharathiya Depressed Class League and Chairman, Congress (I) SC and ST Cell. He was also a Member of the KPCC executive.

Smt. Beeby John is his wife and they have two sons.



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Shri. M.K. Muneer, medical practitioner turned political leader, was born on 26th August, 1962 as the son of Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya, former Chief Minister and Smt. Amina Mohammed Koya.

He started political activity while a student and had served as the President of Student's Organisation of Muslim League. Subsequently, he got elected also as the Councillor of Kozhikode Corporation.

Dr. Muneer became elected to 9th KLA from Calicut –II constituency, contesting as a Muslim League Member. He got elected to the 10th and 11th KLA as well, from the Malappuram constituency. In the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony, he was the Minister for Public Works from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004. He is handling the same portfolio since 5.9.2004 in the Ministry of Shri. Oommen Chandy.

As one associated with cultural activities, he had received C. Achutha Menon Award for Literature in 1998 and in the Inter Medicos Competition, he was selected as Best Singer, Best Painter, Best Actor and Best Cartoonist. As one who has a literary flair as well, he has published a book "Fascisavum Sangha Parivarum" besides essays for various publications. Shri. Muneer has been the President of State Muslim Youth League and State Secretariat Member of Muslim League. He is also the Chairman of India Vision Television Channel.

His wife is Smt. Nafeesa and they have 2 sons.

P. SANKARAN



Shri. P. Sankaran, lawyer and senior Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Kelu Nair, a freedom fighter and Smt. Makkam Amma, on 2nd December, 1947.

He entered politics in his early teens, and had actively participated in students agitations since 1959. He was the Vice-Chairman of Calicut University Union during 1973-74 and was the first Student Syndicate Member of Calicut University during 1975-76. He had actively participated in NCC, Scouts, Bharat Sevak Samaj and Seva Dal. He was arrested and jailed during 1977-78 while protesting the arrest of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

Shri. Sankaran became elected to 11th KLA from Quilandy constituency as INC candidate. From 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004 he handled the portfolio of Health (till 10.2.2004) and Tourism (from 11.2.2004) in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Previously in 1998, Shri. Sankaran had also got elected to Lok Sabha.

Shri. Sankaran has served at different times, likewise, as the President of various Trade Unions besides being President, Kozhikode District Youth Congress Committee (1978), General Secretary, (1980-91) DCC, Kozhikode and President DCC(I), Kozhikode.

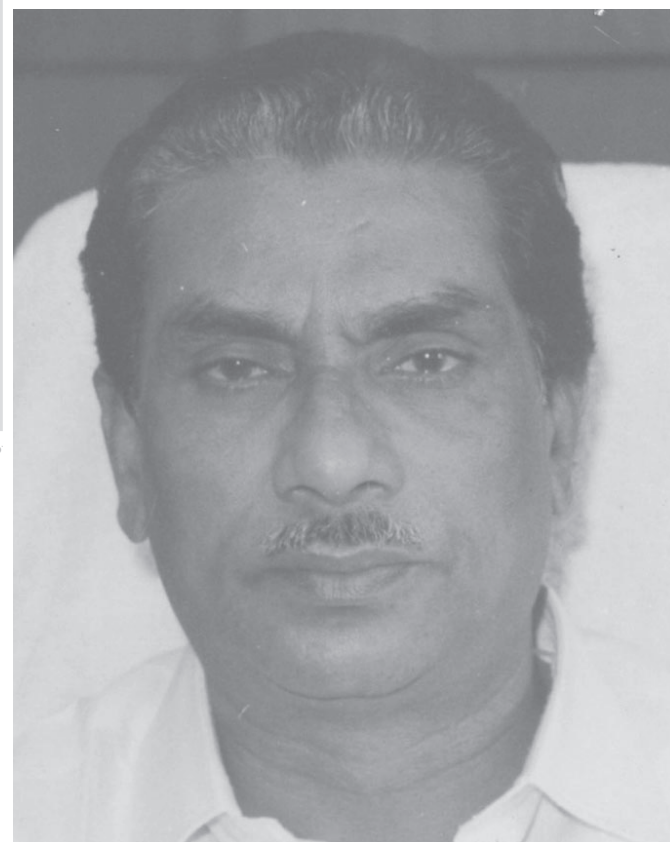
He was also Director Board Member of Public Undertakings such as Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (Bangalore), Command Area Development Authority (CADA-Trichur), Oushadhi (Trichur) and Plantation Corporation of Kerala Limited (Kottayam).

Shri. Sankaran is presently a prominent leader of Democratic Indira Congress (K).

His wife is Smt. Sudha and they have 1 son and 2 daughters.



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Shri. Nalakathu Sooppy, lawyer and senior Muslim League leader was born on 15th August, 1946 as the son of Shri. Nalakath Moideen and Smt. Mariyumma.

Starting political career as a worker of M.S.F. , he had served subsequently as President, Malappuram District Muslim Youth League (1980-84), and President, Grama Panchayat, Thazhakode (1979-91).

Shri. Sooppy became elected to KLA, in 1980 and won consecutively from the 6th to the 11th KLA contesting from the same constituency of Perinthalmanna as a Muslim League Member.

Shri. Sooppy served as the Minister for Education from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004, in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Along with, he was the Chairman, Committee on the Welfare of Backward Class Communities during 1993-96, Committee on Government Assurances during 1996-98 and since 2004 he is the Chairman of the Committee on Estimates.

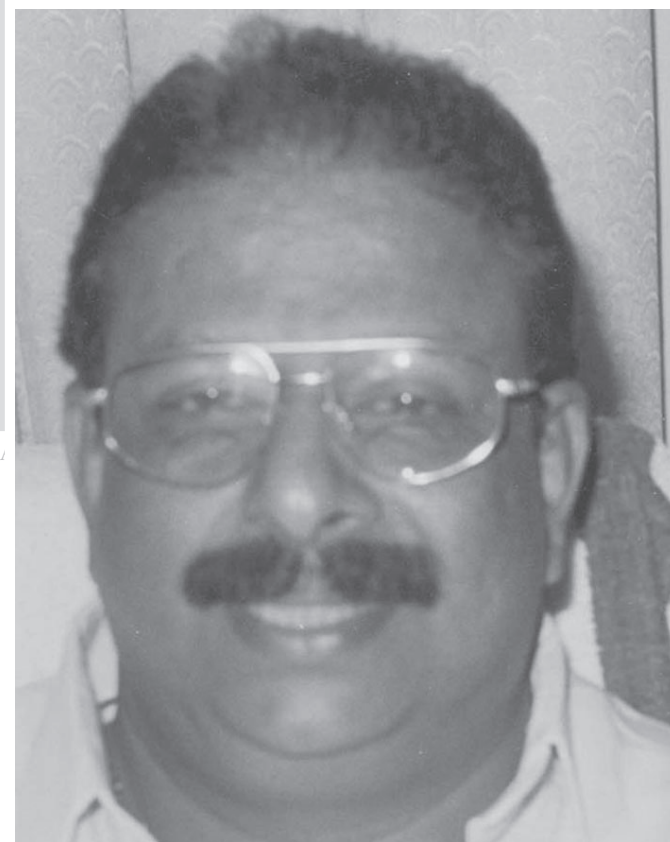
Shri. Sooppy is presently Working Committee Member of Kerala State Muslim League, and Member of Muslim League State Secretariat. He is also Chairman, Kerala State Backward Class Liberation Front

and Working Committee Member, Jamia Nuryia, Faisabad. He also holds Presidentship of various social organisations and trade unions of Public Undertakings.

Smt. Rajeena Sooppy is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.



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Shri. K. Sudhakaran, renowned Congress Leader, was born on May 11, 1948, as the son of Shri. Ramunni and Smt. Madhavi at Nadal in Kannur.

Entering politics while at High school, through KSU and Youth Congress, he was office bearer of KSU, Youth Congress and Congress during the period from 1968 to 1980, and held offices in Taluk, District and State level.

Shri. Sudhakaran was declared elected to the 9th K.L.A. from Edakkad when the Hon. High Court pronounced the election of Shri. O. Bharathan, his opponent, as void. Though he took oath on 17.8.1992, he had to vacate his seat on 22.2.1996, when the Hon. Supreme Court upheld the election of Shri. O. Bharathan.

However, soon afterwards, he got elected to the 10th K.L.A. from Kannur constituency. He represents the same constituency in the 11th K.L.A. as well.

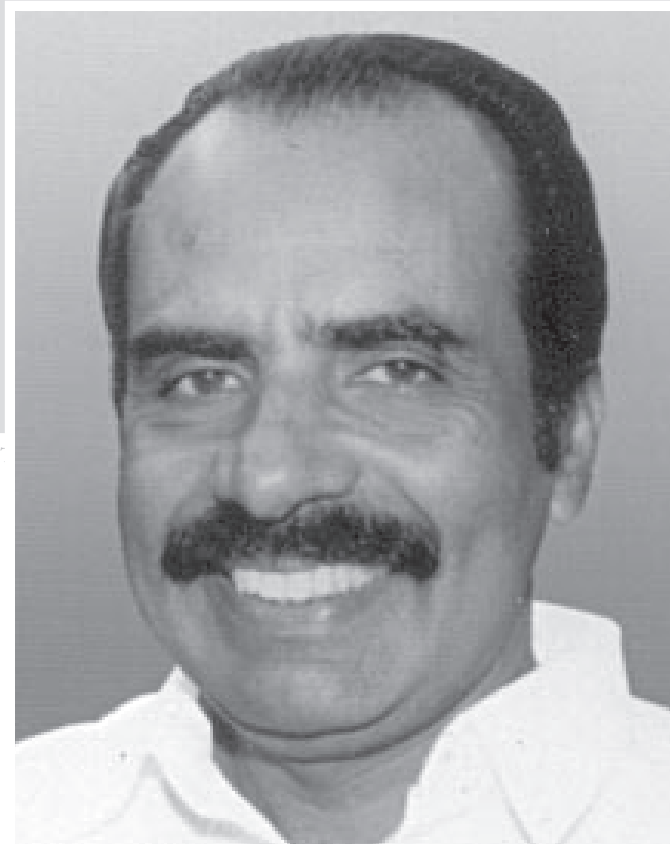
Shri. Sudhakaran was the Minister for Forests and Sports in the A.K. Antony Ministry from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004.

He has held many important positions in the Congress party as well, and was Member, K.P.C.C. Executive, during 1984-1991. He has also a remarkable stint as D.C.C. President, Kannur since 1991, and District Chairman, U.D.F. , Kannur.

Smt. K. Smitha is his wife and they have 2 sons.



C.F. THOMAS



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Shri. C.F. Thomas , senior Kerala Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. C.T. Francis and Smt. Annamma Francis, on July 30, 1939 A teacher by profession, he had a long service in S.B. School, Changanacherry before he became a member of the Legislative Assembly.

Becoming actively involved in politics even while being a student , he had joined the Indian National Congress in 1956. However, later in 1964, he joined the Kerala Congress on its formation.

Shri. Thomas became elected to KLA in 1980 and has been representing Changanacherry constituency consecutively, from the 6th KLA onwards as a K.C. (M) member.

Serving as the Minister for Rural Development from 26.5.2001 to 29.8.2004 in the A.K. Antony Ministry, he handles the same Portfolio in the succeeding Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy since 5.9.2004.

Shri. Thomas has served at different times, likewise , as District Secretary of KC (M) , Kottayam, State Executive Committee Member and General Secretary, KC(M).

Shri. Thomas is presently, the Chairman of Kerala Congress (M) .

Smt. Kunjamma Thomas is his wife and they have one son and two daughters.

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Born on May 10, 1946 as the son of Shri. D. Varkey and Smt. Rosa, Shri. K.V. Thomas, a Chemistry Teacher by profession who later became a Professor, has put his imprint in the political field as well. He was instrumental in organising labourers under the banner of INTUC and was the leader of many trade unions in the Cochin industrial area.

Prof. Thomas was elected to Lok Sabha also, thrice from Ernakulam constituency in 1984, '89 and '91 as the member of Indian National Congress.

Prof. Thomas later got elected to the 11th KLA from Ernakulam constituency as an INC member and served as Minister handling the Portfolio of Fisheries, Tourism from 26-5-2001 to 29-8-2004 with additional charge of Excise from 11-2-2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony.

Prof. Thomas was likewise, the General Secretary of Ernakulam DCC from 1978 to 1987, and President from 1987 to 2001. A prominent leader of INTUC in the State as its Organising Secretary during 1978-1984, he later became its General Secretary during 1984-93. He was the Treasurer of KPCC during 1992-97.

He was also Member, Board of Directors of Cochin International Airport during 1992-96 and Member, Board of Directors of Marine Products Export Development Authority from 1984 to 1996 and since 2001. He also served as Member of Courts of Jawaharlal Nehru University and Pondicherry University. In addition, he was Member, Consultative Committee, Civil Aviation, Tourism and Defence and Official Language.

An active member of KPCC from 1977 and of AICC from 1992, Prof. Thomas is also Member, Kerala State Congress (I) Election Committee (from 1996) AICC observer to Lakshadweep (from 2000) and President, All Kerala Ration Dealer's Association.

As one having a flair for letters, he has published books on his life and native place titled 'Ente Kumbalanghi' and 'Kumbalangikku Sesham'.

Smt. Sheryl Thomas is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.



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Shri. K. Muraleedharan, renowned leader and son of veteran leader Shri. K. Karunakaran and Smt. Kalyani Kutty Amma, was born on May 14, 1957.

A graduate with LLB, he has been a leading figure of Congress in Kerala and has served as the President of KPCC during 2001-2004. Shri. Muraleedharan was also a Member of the Lok Sabha thrice, in the 9th, 10th and 13th Lok Sabha during 1989-91, 1991-96 and 1999-2004 respectively.

Shri. Muraleedharan was sworn in as the Minister for Electricity on February 11, 2004 in the Ministry headed by Shri. A.K. Antony and held the portfolio till his resignation on May 14, 2004.

While a Member of the Lok Sabha, he had served as Member of the Consultative Committees on Food and Civil Supplies, Civil Aviation and Tourism and also Energy. Earlier, he had been the Chairman of State unit of Seva Dal, Congress. Besides the President of All India National Life Insurance Employees Federation, he had also served as Chairman of several organisations like Kerala Water Authority Employees Association, Kerala Khadi Workers Federation etc. He has also served as a member of Spices Board.

Shri. Muraleedharan is now the President of Democratic Indira Congress (K).

Smt. A.P. Jyothi is his wife and they have two sons.

A.P. ANIL KUMAR



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Shri. A.P. Anil Kumar, the upcoming, young leader of Congress, was born at Malappuram on 15th March, 1965 as the son of Shri. A.P. Balan and Smt. K.L. Devaki.

He entered politics through K.S.U. and was its Malappuram District Secretary, in 1984. He had served also as the District Vice-President and State General Secretary of Kerala Youth Congress.

Shri. Anil Kumar became elected to the 11th KLA from Wandoor constituency as an Indian National Congress Member. In the present Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, he is serving as a Minister since 5.9.2004 holding the portfolios of Welfare of Backward and Scheduled Communities, Youth Affairs, Cultural Affairs, Museum and Zoo, Archives and Archaeology.

Smt. P. Praseeja is his wife and they have two sons.

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Shri. Dominic Presentation, renowned Congress leader, actively associated with Sports and Cultural activities, was born as the son of Shri. Felix Presentation and Smt. Rosamma on February 19, 1949.

A graduate, he started his political life even while being a student. Later, he served as District President, K.S.U., District Secretary, Youth Congress and General Secretary, D.C.C, Ernakulam. Shri. Dominic Presentation had served also as a member of Cochin Corporation Council during 1988 – 94 and subsequently became the Leader of Opposition in the Corporation Council.

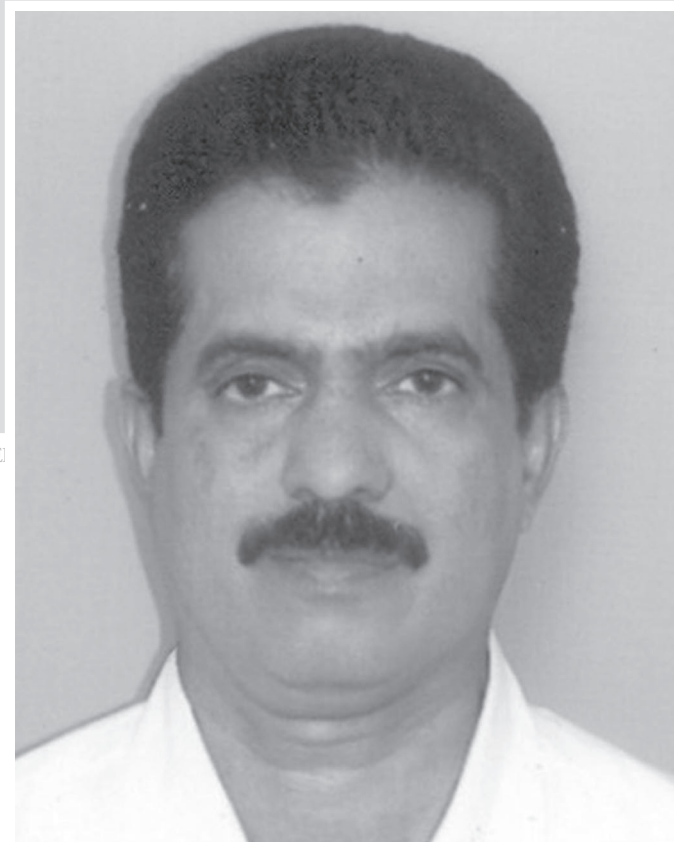
Shri. Dominic Presentation became elected to the 9th and 10th KLA from Palluruthy constituency as a Congress member. He continues to represent the same constituency in the 11th KLA also.

He is the Minister for Fisheries and Sports, since 5.9.2004, in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy.

A life member of Ernakulam Regional Sports Centre, Shri. Dominic Presentation was, likewise, a member of Organising Committee of Santhosh Trophy held in 1973 and 1993 and Organising Committee of Nehru Gold Cup in 1983 and 1985.

Dr. Mary Abraham is his wife and they have one daughter.

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Shri. K.Kutty Ahamed Kutty, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 15th January, 1953 as the son of Shri. Saidalikutty Master.

During his long political career, he has served as the Vice President, Malappuram District Council, Executive Council Member, Kerala Agricultural University and President, Tanur Panchayat Board. He has also been the Secretary, Malappuram District Muslim League Committee.

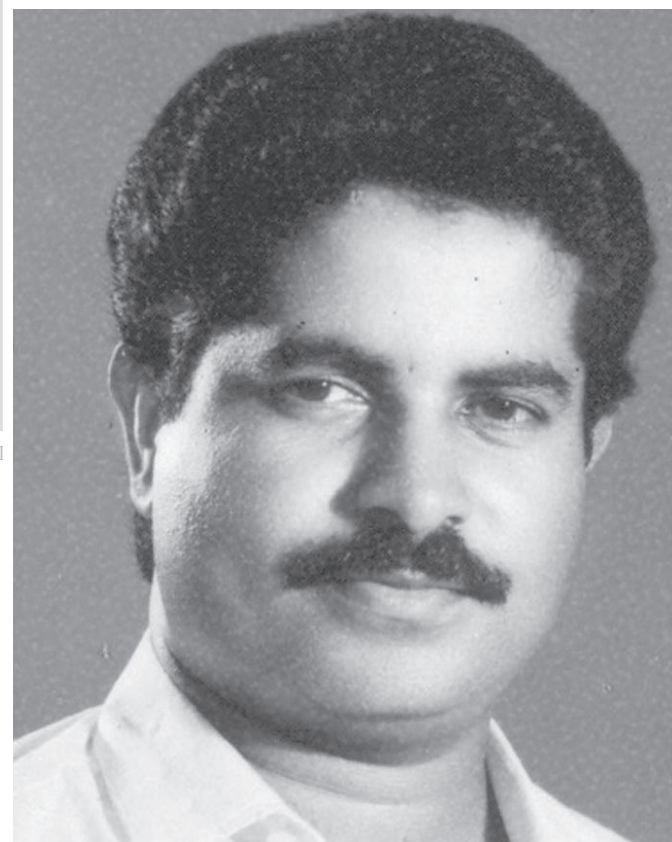
Shri. Kutty Ahamed Kutty became elected to 9th KLA from Tanur Constituency in the bye-election held on 8-6-1992 as a Muslim League Member. He was again elected to 10th and 11th KLA from Thirurangadi Constituency and in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, he is a Minister since 5-9-2004 handling the Portfolio of Local Self Government.

From 2001 to 2004 he had served also as the Chairman of the Committee on the Welfare of Backward Class Communities.

Shri Kutty Ahamed Kutty is, presently, serving as President, Kerala Muslim Educational Association, Malappuram District Committee.

Smt. Jahanara is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.

ADOOR PRAKASH



Shri. Adoor Prakash, Advocate and Congress leader, was born on 24th May, 1955 as the son of Shri. N. Kunjuraman and Smt. V.M. Vilasini.

He entered politics through students movement and was Vice President of K.S.U. (I) State Committee during 1979 –1981 and was later, the General Secretary of Youth Congress (I) State Committee during 1988-1992.

Earlier, during his tenure as President, Pathanamthitta District Youth Congress during 1984-88, he had conducted a “Padayatra” which had lasted 18 days, demanding the overall development of the District.

Shri. Adoor Prakash became elected to 10th and 11th Kerala Legislative Assembly from Konni constituency as an Indian National Congress candidate . In the present Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, he is serving as the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, since 5.9.2004.

Shri. Prakash has also held, at different times, several high offices. During 1997-2001 he was the Joint Secretary, KPCC (I) and was Vice President DCC (I) Pathanamthitta, from 1993. An elected member of KPCC (I) from 1992, he has also served, as Director, District Co-operative Bank, Pathanamthitta, Director, and Kerala State Co-operative Bank, Kerala State Co-operative Rubber Marketing Federation and as President, Other Backward Classes Co-operative Agriculture Society.

Smt. Jayasree Prakash is his wife and they have 2 sons and 1 daughter.

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Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan, renowned Congress leader, was born on December 26, 1949 as the son of Shri. K.P. Parameswaran Pillai and Smt. M.G. Gourikutty Amma.

He entered public life as a student, through Balajanasakhyam, KSU and Youth Congress, rising to become the leader of various youth organisations.

Shri. Radhakrishnan became elected from Adoor Constituency thrice, as a member of Indian National Congress, in 1991, 1996 and 2001. In the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy, Shri. Radhakrishnan has been handling the portfolio of Water Resources and Parliamentary Affairs from 5-9-2004. Besides, he had the additional charge of Forests from 9-2-2005 to 3-1-2006 and of Health since 17-1-2006.

Shri. Radhakrishnan has held at different times, many important positions in KSU, Youth Congress and KPCC. He was the General Secretary of All Kerala Balajanasakhyam in 1966 and General Secretary and President of KSU in 1969, General Secretary and Chairman of Kerala University Union in 1972 and 1973. He was also Syndicate Member of CUSAT and Senate Member of Kerala University. He had served likewise as General Secretary of Youth Congress in 1978, President in 1982, and General

Secretary of KPCC, during 1984-2001.

An active member of AICC, and Election Committee of KPCC, Shri. Radhakrishnan is also, at present, President of Kerala State Transport Workers Union and Financial Enterprises Officers Club.

Smt. Lalithambika Radhakrishnan is his wife and they have two sons and one daughter.



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Shri. N.Sakthan, renowned leader of the Congress, was born on 5th May, 1951 as the son of Shri. Y. Nallathampi and Smt. Y.Thankamma.

Entering politics through the KSC, he served as its Trivandrum District Secretary in 1974 and as President in 1975. He had also undergone imprisonment during the emergency. Later on , he was Secretary, Trivandrum District Committee of Kerala Congress in 1976, Vice President in 1978 and President during 1979-82.

Forming the DSP in 1982, Shri. Sakthan became elected to 7th KLA from Kovalam constituency as a DSP Member.

From 1991 to 1994 he served as the Member of Trivandrum District Council and was also a Member of KPCC Executive. He was Treasurer, DCC, Thiruvananthapuram from 1991 to 1997 and from 1993 he is the General Secretary, Thiruvananthapuram DCC.

Shri. Sakthan became elected subsequently to 11th KLA from Nemom constituency, as an INC member. And from 5..9..2004, he is handling the portfolio of Transport in the Ministry headed by Shri Oommen Chandy.

Smt. Stella is his wife and they have 2 daughters.

K.C. VENUGOPAL



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Shri. K.C. Venugopal, renowned Congress leader, was born as the son of Shri. Kunjikrishnan Nambiar and Smt. Janaki Amma on February 4, 1963.

He became active in Politics, while a student, through the KSU and served as its District Secretary, State Vice President, Treasurer and State President. Later on, he became the State President of Youth Congress during 1993-2000.

Shri. Venugopal became first elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly from Alleppey constituency in 1996, as a Congress member. He was again elected from the same constituency in 2001.

Shri. Venugopal became the Minister for Tourism and Devaswom in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy from 5-9-2004.

He was also Senate Member of Kerala University and has been an elected member of KPCC Executive.

Smt. Asha is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.

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Shri. V.K.Ebrahim Kunju, senior Muslim League leader, was born on 20th may, 1952 as the son of Shri. V. U. Khader and Smt. Chithumma.

He entered politics through M.S.F. and Youth League and had held several top posts of MSF and Youth League, including serving as Chairman and Chief Executive of Forest Industries (Travancore) Ltd. He was also District Board member, Grandhasala Sanghom and District Development Committee, Ernakulam.

Shri. Ebrahim Kunju became elected to the 11th KLA from Mattancherry constituency as a Muslim League Member. He is serving as the Minister for Industries and Social Welfare since 6.1.2005 in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy.

At present serving as Ernakulam District Secretary of IUML (for 18 years), he has been at different times, likewise, Syndicate Member of Cochin University of Science and Technology, Member, DDC, Ernakulam and Member Gosree Island Development Authority.

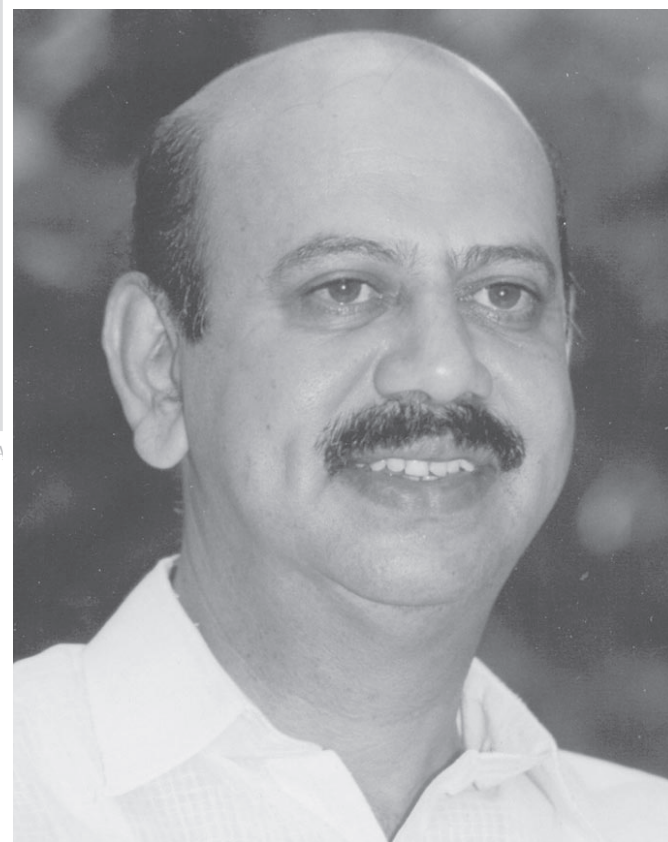
He had also served as the Editor of the 'Eeyugam' Daily published from Aluva.

Smt. Nadeera is his wife and they have 3 sons.

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A. SUJANAPAL

MINISTERS



Shri. A. Sujanapal, senior Congress leader and Advocate, was born on February 1, 1949 at Kozhikode, as the son of Shri. A. Balagopal and Smt. Anandalakshmi.

Starting his political career while a student, through the Kerala Students Union, Shri. Sujanapal had held many District and State level positions in the KSU and Youth Congress and had served as President of KSU, Kozhikode District Committee and Kozhikode District Youth Congress Committee. He had also served as President of Kozhikode District Congress Committee and was General Secretary and Treasurer of KPCC at various times. He was also Syndicate Member, Calicut University and Secretary, Friends of Soviet Union.

Shri. Sujanapal became elected to the Ninth Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1991, contesting from Calicut as an INC candidate. He became elected to the Eleventh Kerala Legislative Assembly in 2001 also, contesting from the same constituency. He has also had a remarkable stint as Chairman of the Committee on Private Members' Bills and Resolutions during 2001-05.

Shri. A. Sujanapal became the Minister for Forests and Environment in the Ministry headed by Shri. Oommen Chandy from January 4, 2006.

He has also been Member, KPCC and President of several cultural organisations like SK Pottekkat Memorial Cultural Centre, Calicut and Calicut Arts Society and has also attended several International Conferences and events such as World Parliament of Peoples for Peace held in Sofia (1980), Solidarity with Syria and PLO held in Damascus (1981). International Conference on Soviet Unions Victory over Fascism held in Moscow (1985), May Day Rally in Berlin (1985), International Conference under the auspices of U.N. Palestine division held in Jakarta (1997) and Cairo (1998) and the 'Bethlehem 2000' Peace Conference held in Rome (1999).

A gifted writer, he has also to his credit, works such as 'Poruthunna Palestine', 'Berlin Mathilukal', 'Moonnam Lokam', 'Gandhism Erupathonnam Nuttandil, to name only a few.

Smt. Jaysree is hiswife and they have one son and one daughter.

Leaders of Opposition

V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN



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Shri. V.S. Achuthanandan, a stalwart among the Communist leaders, was born on October 20, 1923, as the son of Shri. Sankaran and Smt. Accamma.

Entering the arena of politics through trade union activities, Shri. Achuthanandan, popularly known as VS, had joined the State Congress in 1939. However, a year later, in 1940, VS became a member of the Communist Party.

A true revolutionary, in every sense, Shri. VS had to undergo imprisonment for a period of five and a half years, and also had to go underground for a total period of four and a half years, during the pre-independence days and many times even after that, in connection with the struggle for independence, the Punnappra Vayalar Struggle and various other people's movements, against the anti-democratic policies of the State and Central Governments of the time.

Besides his commitment and inspiring leadership in agrarian and trade union movements, Shri. VS has also been an uncompromising leader in espousing the cause of many socially and environmentally related issues, and has never hesitated to face even physical hardships for accomplishing the task he had taken up.

Shri. V.S. Achuthanandan became elected to the 3rd KLA in 1967 from Ambalapuzha Constituency, and again to the 4th KLA in 1970 from the same Constituency. After a gap, VS returned as a Member in the IXth KLA in 1991, from Mararikulam Constituency. He became elected to the XIth KLA also in 2001, this time from Malampuzha Constituency.

In a long career spanning over six decades, Shri. V.S. had occupied several coveted posts, including that of Secretary, CPI (M) State Committee during 1980-92, and the Convenor, LDF during 1996-2001. A veteran Parliamentarian as well, Shri. V.S. Achuthanandan is at present, the Leader of Opposition in the Assembly, and has been serving in this capacity since 2001. He is presently Polit Bureau Member of CPI(M) also.

Smt. K. Vasumathy is his wife and they have one son and one daughter.



The Leaders of Opposition other than Shri. V.S. Achuthanandan, have served as either Chief Minister or Ministers at one time or the other. Their biodatas have been given before.

LEADERS OF OPPOSITION

Shri. P.T. CHACKO	:	1957-59
Shri. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD	:	1960-64
Shri. K.KARUNAKARAN	:	1967-69
Shri. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD	:	1969-70
Shri. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD	:	1970-77
Shri. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD	:	1977-78 (Feb.22)
Shri. K. KARUNAKARAN	:	1978 (Feb.23) –79
Shri. T.K. RAMAKRISHNAN	:	1979 (Aug.13-Oct.11)
Shri. P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR	:	1979 (Oct.-Nov)
Shri. K.KARUNAKARAN	:	1980-81
Shri. E.K. NAYANAR	:	1981-82
Shri. E.K. NAYANAR	:	1982-87
Shri. K. KARUNAKARAN	:	1987-91
Shri. E.K. NAYANAR	:	1991-92
Shri. V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN	:	1992-96
Shri. A.K. ANTONY	:	1996-2001
V.S. ACHUTHANANDAN	:	2001 - 2006

*Governors, Chief Ministers
and
Presiding Officers Since 1957*

GOVERNORS OF KERALA SINCE 1957

1.	Dr. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAO	November 22,1956	July 1, 1960
2.	Shri. V.V. GIRI	July 1, 1960	April 2, 1965
3.	Shri. AJITH PRASAD JAIN	April 2, 1965	February 6, 1966
4.	Shri. BHAGWAN SAHAY	February 6, 1966	May 15,1967
5.	Shri. V.VISWANATHAN	May 15, 1967	April 1, 1973
6.	Shri. N.N. WANCHOO	April 1, 1973	October 10, 1977
7.	Smt. JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM	October 14, 1977	October 27, 1982
8.	Shri. P. RAMACHANDRAN	October 27, 1982	February 23, 1988
9.	Smt. RAM DULARI SINHA	February 23, 1988	February 12, 1990
10.	Shri. SWAROOP SINGH	February 12, 1990	December 20, 1990
11.	Shri. B. RACHAIAH	December 20, 1990	November 9, 1995
12.	Shri. P. SHIV SANKAR	November 12, 1995	May 1, 1996
13.	Shri. KHURSHED ALAM KHAN	May 5, 1996	January 25, 1997
14.	Shri. SUKHDEV SINGH KANG	January 25, 1997	April 18, 2002
15.	Shri. SIKANDAR BAKTH	April 18, 2002	February 23, 2004 (Expired)
16.	Shri. T.N. CHATHURVEDI (Additional Charge)	February 25, 2004	June 23, 2004
17.	Shri. RAGHUNANDAN LAL BHATIA	June 23, 2004	

CHIEF MINISTERS SINCE 1957

1.	SHRI. E.M.S NAMBOODIRIPAD	April 5, 1957	July 31, 1959
2.	SHRI. PATTOM A. THANU PILLAI	February 22, 1960	September 26, 1962
3.	SHRI. R. SANKAR	September 26, 1962-	September 10, 1964
4.	SHRI. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD	March 6, 1967	November 1, 1969
5.	SHRI. C. ACHUTHA MENON	November 1, 1969	August 1, 1970
6.	SHRI. C. ACHUTHA MENON	October 4, 1970	March 25, 1977
7.	SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN	March 25, 1977	April 25, 1977
8.	SHRI. A.K. ANTONY	April 27, 1977	October 27, 1978
9.	SHRI. P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR	October 29, 1978	October 7, 1979
10.	SHRI. C.H. MOHAMMED KOYA	October 12, 1979	December 1, 1979
11.	SHRI. E.K. NAYANAR	January 25, 1980	October 20, 1981
12.	SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN	December 28, 1981	March 17, 1982
13.	SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN	May 24, 1982	March 25, 1987
14.	SHRI. E.K. NAYANAR	March 26, 1987	June 17, 1991
15.	SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN	June 24, 1991	March 16, 1995
16.	SHRI. A.K. ANTONY	March 22, 1995	May 9, 1996
17.	SHRI. E.K. NAYANAR	May 20, 1996	May 13, 2001
18.	SHRI. A.K. ANTONY	May 17, 2001	August 29, 2004
19.	SHRI. OOMMEN CHANDY	August 31, 2004.	

PRESIDING OFFICERS SINCE 1957

1.	Shri. R. Sankaranarayanan Thampi	April 27, 1957	July 31, 1959
2.	Shri. K.M. Seethi Sahib	March 12, 1960	April 17, 1961
3.	Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya	June 9, 1961	November 10, 1961
4.	Shri. Alexander Parambithara	December 13, 1961	September 10, 1964
5.	Shri. D. Damodaran Potti	March 15, 1967	October 21, 1970
6.	Shri. K. Moideenkutty Haji	October 22, 1970,	May 8, 1975
7.	Shri. T.S. John	February 17, 1976	March 25, 1977
8.	Shri. Chakkeeri Ahamedkutty	March 28, 1977	February 14, 1980
9.	Shri. A.P. Kurian	February 15, 1980	February 1, 1982
10.	Shri. A.C. Jose	February 3, 1982	June 23, 1982
11.	Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman	June 24, 1982	December 28, 1984
12.	Shri. V.M. Sudheeran	March 8, 1985	March 27, 1987
13.	Shri. Varkala Radhakrishnan	March 30, 1987	June 28, 1991
14.	Shri. P.P. Thankachan	July 1, 1991	May 3, 1995
15.	Shri. Therambil Ramakrishnan	June 27, 1995	May 28, 1996
16.	Shri. M. Vijayakumar	May 30, 1996	June 5, 2001
17.	Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman	June 6, 2001	September 4, 2004
18.	Shri. Therambil Ramakrishnan	September 16, 2004	

1. Smt. Nafeesath Beevi, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the office of the Speaker for the period from April 18, 1961 to June 8, 1961.
2. Shri. R.S. Unni, Dy Speaker performed the duties of the office of the Speaker for the period from May 9, 1975 to February 16, 1976.
3. Shri. K.M. Hamsakunju Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the office of the Speaker for the period from December 29, 1984 to March 7, 1985.
4. Shri. K. Narayana Kurup, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the office of the Speaker for the period from May 4, 1995 to June 26, 1995
5. Shri. N. Sundaran Nadar, Dy. Speaker performed the duties of the office of the Speaker for the period from September 4 to September 15, 2004

DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICERS SINCE 1957

1.	Smt. K.O. Aysha Bai	May 6, 1957	July 31, 1959
2.	Smt. A. Nafeesath Beevi	March 15, 1960	September 10, 1964
3.	Shri. M.P. Mohammed Jaffer Khan	March 20, 1967	June 26, 1970
4.	Shri. R.S. Unni	October 30, 1970	March 22, 1977
5.	Shri. P.K. Gopalakrishnan	July 6, 1977	October 23, 1979
6.	Shri. M.J. Zakaria	February 21, 1980	February 1, 1982
7.	Shri. K.M. Hamsakunju	June 30, 1982	October 7, 1986
8.	Shri. Korambayil Ahammed Haji	October 20, 1986	March 25, 1987
9.	Smt. Bhargavi Thankappan	April 2, 1987	April 5, 1991
10.	Shri. K. Narayanan Kurup	July 19, 1991	May 14, 1996
11.	Shri. C.A. Kurian	July 17, 1996	May 16, 2001
12.	Shri. N. Sundaran Nadar	July 4, 2001	

*Council of Ministers
of
Kerala
(Since 1957)*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF KERALA

FIRST KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister: **SHRI. E.M.S.NAMBOODIRIPAD**

(5th April, 1957 – 31st July, 1959)

1. Shri.E.M.S.Namboodiripad : Chief Minister
2. Shri.C.Achutha Menon : Finance
3. Shri.T.V.Thomas : Transport and Labour
4. Shri.K.C.George : Food and Forests
5. Shri.K.P.Gopalan : Industries
6. Shri.T.A.Majeed : Public Works
7. Shri.PK.Chathan : Local Self Government
8. Shri.Joseph Mundassery : Education and Co-operation
9. Smt.K.R.Gouri : Land Revenue
10. Shri. V.R.Krishna Iyer : Law
11. Dr. A.R.Menon : Health

SECOND KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister: **SHRI. PATTOM. A. THANU PILLAI**

(22nd February, 1960 - 26th September, 1962)

1. Shri Pattom A. Thanu Pillai : Chief Minister
2. Shri.R.Sanker : Finance
3. Shri.PT.Chacko : Home Affairs
4. Shri.K.A.Damodara Menon : Industries
5. Shri.PP.Ummer Koya : Education
6. Shri.K.T.Achuthan : Transport and Labour
7. Shri.E.P.Poulose : Food and Agriculture
8. Shri.V.K.Velappan : Public Health and Electricity
(Expired on 26th August , 1962)
9. Shri.K.Kunhambu : Harijan Uplift and Registration
10. Shri.D.Damodaran Potti : Public Works
11. Shri. K.Chandrasekharan : Law and Revenue

Chief Minister : **SHRI. R.SANKAR**
(26th September, 1962 - 10th September, 1964)

1. Shri. R.Sankar : Chief Minister
2. Shri. P.T.Chacko : Home Affairs
(Resigned w.e.f 20th Feb. 1964)
3. Shri.K.A.Damodara Menon : Industries and Local administration
4. Shri.P.P.Ummer Koya : Public Works
5. Shri.K.T.Achuthan : Transport and Labour
6. Shri.E.R.Poulouse : Food and Agriculture
7. Shri.K.Kunhambu : Harijan Welfare
8. Shri. D.Damodaran Potti : Public Works
(Resigned w.e.f. 8th October, 1962)
9. Shri. K.Chandrasekharan : Law and Revenue
(Resigned w.e.f. 8th October, 1962)
10. Shri. M.P.Govindan Nair : Public Health
(Assumed office on 9th October, 1962)
11. Shri.T.A.Thomman : Law & Revenue
(Assumed office on 2nd March, 1964)

THIRD KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
CHIEF MINISTER : **SHRI. E.M.S. NAMBOODIRIPAD**
(6th March, 1967 – 1st November, 1969)

1. Shri. E.M.S. Namboodiripad : Chief Minister
2. Smt. K.R. Gouri : Revenue
3. Shri. E.K. Imbichi Bava : Transport
4. Shri. M.K. Krishnan : Forest and Harijan Welfare
5. Shri. P.R. Kurup : Irrigation and Co-operation
(Resigned w.e. f 21st October, 1969)
6. Shri. P.K. Kunju : Finance
(Resigned w.e.f. 13th May 1969)
7. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education
(Resigned w.e.f. 21st October, 1969)
8. Shri. M.P.M. Ahamed Kurikkal : Panchayat and Community Development
(Expired on 24th October, 1968)

9. Shri. M.N. Govindan Nair : Agriculture and Electricity
(Resigned w.e.f. 21st October, 1969)
10. Shri.T.V. Thomas : Industries
(Resigned w.e.f. 21st October, 1969)
11. Shri. B. Wellington : Health
(Resigned w.e.f. 21st October, 1969)
12. Shri. T.K. Divakaran : Works
(Resigned w.e.f. 21st October, 1969)
13. Shri. Mathai Manjooran : Labour
14. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Panchayat and Community Development
(Assumed office on 9th November 1968 and Resigned w. e. f. 21st October 1969)

Chief Minister : SHRI. C. ACHUTHA MENON
(1st November, 1969 – 1st August, 1970)

1. Shri. C. Achutha Menon* : Chief Minister
2. Shri. P. Ravindran : Industries and Labour
3. Shri. K.T. Jacob : Revenue
4. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education and Home
5. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration
6. Shri. N.K. Seshan : Finance
(Resigned w. e. f. 2nd April, 1970)
7. Shri. O. Koran : Irrigation & Agriculture
(Resigned w. e. f. 1st August, 1970)
8. Shri. K.M. George : Transport & Health

* Was a member of Rajya Sabha. Elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in the by-election on 21st April 1970

FOURTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. C. ACHUTHA MENON**

(4th October, 1970 - 25th March, 1977)

1. Shri. C. Achutha Menon : Chief Minister
2. Shri. N.E. Balaram : Industries
(Resigned w.e.f. 24th September, 1971)
3. Shri. P.K. Raghavan : Harijan Welfare and Housing
(Resigned w.e.f. 24th September, 1971)
4. Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan : Transport and Electricity
(Resigned w.e.f. 24th September, 1971)
5. Shri. T.K. Divakaran : Works and Tourism
(Expired on 19th January 1976)
6. Shri. Baby John : Revenue & Labour
7. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education and Home
(Resigned w.e.f. 1st March 1973)
8. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Food and Local Administration
9. Shri. N.K. Balakrishnan : Agriculture and Health
10. Shri. M.N. Govindan Nair : Transport, Electricity
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971)
11. Shri. T.V. Thomas : Industries
(Assumed office on 25th September 1971)
12. Shri. K. Karunakaran : Home
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971)
13. Shri. K.T. George : Finance
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971
and expired on 3rd April, 1972)
14. Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman : Agriculture & Labour
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971)
15. Dr. K.G. Adiyodi : Forests & Food
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971)
16. Shri. V. Eacharan : Harijan Welfare and Community
Development
(Assumed office on 25th September, 1971)
17. Shri. Paul. P. Mani : Food & Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 16th May, 1972)
18. Shri. Chakkeeri Ahmed Kutty : Education
(Assumed office on 2nd March, 1973)
19. Shri. K.M. Mani : Finance
(Assumed office on 26th December, 1975)

- *20. Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport
(Assumed office on 26th December,
1975 and resigned w. e. f. 25th June, 1976)
21. Shri.K. Pankajakshan : Public Works
(Assumed office on 4th February, 1976)
22. Shri. K.M. George : Transport
(Assumed office on 26th June, 1976
and expired on 11th December, 1976)
23. Shri. K. Narayana Kurup : Transport
(Assumed office on 26th January 1977)

* Not a member of Kerala Legislative Assembly. Resigned on completion of 6 months tenure

FIFTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
Chief Minister : **SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN**
(25th March, 1977 - 25th April, 1977)*

1. Shri. K. Karunakaran : Chief Minister
2. Shri. K.K. Balakrishnan : Harijan Welfare and Irrigation
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
3. Shri. M.K. Hemachandran : Finance
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
4. Shri. Oommen Chandy : Labour
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
5. Shri. K.M. Mani : Home
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
6. Shri. K. Sankaranarayanan : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
7. Shri. K. Narayana Kurup : Transport
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
8. Shri. E. John Jacob : Food & Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
9. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
10. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education
11. Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair : Industries
(Assumed office on 11th April 1977)
12. Shri. J. Chitharanjan : Public Health
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

13. Shri. Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
14. Shri. Baby John : Revenue
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)
15. Shri. K. Pankajakshan : Works
(Assumed office on 11th April, 1977)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 25th April, 1977 and requested to continue in office till *alternative arrangements are made*.

Chief Minister: SHRI. A. K. ANTONY
(27th April, 1977 - 27th October, 1978*)

1. Shri. A.K. Antony : Chief Minister
2. Shri. K.K. Balakrishnan : Harijan Welfare and Irrigation
3. Shri. M.K. Hemachandran : Finance
4. Shri. Oommen Chandy : Labour
5. Shri. K. Sankaranarayanan : Agriculture
6. Shri. K.M. Mani : Home Affairs
(Resigned w. e. f. 21st December, 1977 and again assumed office on 16th September, 1978)
7. Shri. K. Narayana Kurup : Transport
8. Shri. E. John Jacob : Food & Civil Supplies
(Expired on 26th September, 1978)
9. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration
10. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education
(Resigned w.e.f. 20th December, 1977 and again assumed office on 4th October, 1978)
11. Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair : Industries
12. Shri. J. Chitharanjan : Public Health
13. Shri. Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests
14. Shri. Baby John : Revenue
15. Shri. K. Pankajakshan : Works & Sports
16. Shri. P.J. Joseph : Home Affairs
(Assumed office on 16th January, 1978 and resigned w. e. f. 15th September, 1978)
17. Shri. U.A. Beeran : Education and Social Welfare
(Assumed office on 27th January, 1978 and resigned w. e. f. 3rd October, 1978)
18. Shri. T.S. John : Food & Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 19th October, 1978)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 27th October 1978 A.N. and requested to continue till *alternative arrangements are made*.

Chief Minister : **SHRI. P.K. VASUDEVAN NAIR**
(29th October, 1978 - 7th October, 1979*)

1. Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair : Chief Minister
2. Shri. J. Chitharanjan : Public Health
(Resigned w.e.f. 18th November 1978)
3. Shri. Kanthalot Kunhambu : Forests
(Resigned w.e.f. 18th November, 1978)
4. Shri. Damodaran Kalassery : Harijan Welfare and Community
Development
5. Shri. A.L. Jacob : Agriculture
6. Shri. M.K. Raghavan : Labour and Housing
7. Shri. S. Varadarajan Nair : Finance
8. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Local Administration
(Assumed office on 9th December, 1978)
9. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Education
10. Shri. T.S. John : Food and Civil Supplies
11. Shri. K.M. Mani : Home
(Resigned on 26-7-1979)
12. Shri. K. Narayana Kurup : Transport
13. Shri. Baby John : Revenue and Co-operation
14. Shri. K. Pankajakshan : Works and Sports
15. Shri. K.P. Prabhakaran : Public Health
(Assumed office on 18th November, 1978)
16. Shri. P. S. Sreenivasan : Industries and Forests
(Assumed office on 18th November, 1978)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 7th October 1979 A.N. and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

Chief Minister : **SHRI. C.H. MOHAMMED KOYA**
(12th October, 1979 - 1st December, 1979*)

1. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Chief Minister
2. Shri. N.K. Balakrishnan : Works and Agriculture
3. Shri. N. Bhaskaran Nair : Finance and Health
4. Shri. A. Neelalohitha Dasan Nadar : Labour and Housing
(Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)
5. Shri. K.J. Chacko : Revenue and Co-operation
(Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)
6. Shri. K.A. Mathew : Industries and Forests
(Assumed office on 16th November, 1979)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 1st December, 1979 A.N. and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

SIXTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. E. K. NAYANAR**

(25th January, 1980 - 20th October, 1981*)

1. Shri. E.K. Nayanar	:	Chief Minister
2. Smt. K.R. Gouri	:	Agriculture and Social Welfare
3. Shri. M.K. Krishnan	:	Harijan Welfare
4. Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan	:	Home
5. Shri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair	:	Food, Civil Supplies and Housing
6. Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan	:	Revenue and Fisheries
7. Dr. A. Subba Rao	:	Irrigation
8. Shri. Aryadan Muhammed** (Resigned w. e. f. 16 th October, 1981)	:	Labour and Forests
9. Shri. P.C. Chacko (Resigned w. e. f. 16 th October, 1981)	:	Industries
10. Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman (Resigned w. e. f. 16 th October, 1981)	:	Health and Tourism
11. Shri. A.C. Shanmugha Das (Resigned w.e.f. 16 th October, 1981)	:	Community Development and Sports
12. Shri. Baby John	:	Education
13. Shri. R.S. Unni	:	Local Administration
14. Shri. Lonappan Nambadan	:	Transport
15. Shri. K.M. Mani	:	Finance and Law
16. Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai	:	Electricity
17. Shri. P.M. Abubacker	:	Public Works

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 20th October, 1981 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

** Was not a member of Legislative Assembly. Elected on 31st May, 1980.

Chief Minister : **SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN**

(28th December, 1981 - 17th March, 1982)

1. Shri. K. Karunakaran	:	Chief Minister
2. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya	:	Deputy Chief Minister
3. Shri. P.J. Joseph	:	Revenue & Education
4. Shri. K. M. Mani	:	Finance & Law
5. Shri. Oommen Chandy	:	Home
6. Shri. K. Sivadasan	:	Labour
7. Shri. C.M. Sundaram	:	Local Administration
8. Shri. R. Sundaresan Nair	:	Health & Tourism

SEVENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN**

(24th May 1982 – 25th March 1987*)

1. Shri. K. Karunakaran : Chief Minister
2. Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya : Deputy Chief Minister
(Expired on 28th September 1983)
3. Shri. K.K. Balakrishnan : Transport
(Resigned w.e.f. 29th August 1983)
4. Shri. M.P. Gangadharan : Irrigation
(Resigned w. e. f. 12th March, 1986)
5. Shri. C.V Padmarajan : Community Development
(Resigned w. e. f. 29th August, 1983)
6. Shri. Cyriac John : Agriculture
(Resigned w.e.f. 29th August, 1983)
7. Shri. K.P. Nooruddin : Forests
8. Shri. Vayalar Ravi : Home
(Resigned w.e.f. 24th May, 1986)
9. Shri. E. Ahamed : Industry
10. Shri. U.A. Beeran : Food and Civil Supplies
11. Shri. T.M. Jacob : Education
12. Shri. P.J. Joseph : Revenue
13. Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai : Electricity
(Resigned w. e. f. 5th June, 1985 and again
assumed office on 25th May, 1986)
14. Shri. K. M. Mani : Finance and Law
15. Smt. M. Kamalam : Co-operation
16. Shri. K.G.R. Kartha : Health
(Resigned w.e.f. 29th August, 1983)
17. Shri. N. Sreenivasan : Excise
(Resigned w.e.f. 30th May, 1986)
18. Shri. K. Sivadasan : Labour
19. Shri. C.M. Sundaram : Local Administration
20. Shri. A.L. Jacob : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 1st September, 1983)
21. Shri. N. Sundaran Nadar : Transport
(Assumed office on 1st September, 1983)

22. Shri. P.K. Velayudhan : Community Development
(Assumed office on 1st September, 1983)
23. Shri. K.P. Ramachandran Nair : Health
(Assumed office on 1st September, 1983
and resigned w.e.f. 29 May, 1985)
24. Shri. K. Avukaderkutty Naha : Deputy Chief Minister
(Assumed office on 24th October, 1983)
25. Shri.Thachady Prabhakaran : Finance
(Assumed office on 5th June, 1986 and
Resigned w.e.f. 5th March 1987)
26. Shri. Ramesh Chennithala : Rural Development
(Assumed office on 5th June,1986)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 25th March 1987 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

EIGHTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. E.K. NAYANAR**

(26th March, 1987 – 17th June, 1991*)

1. Shri. E.K. Nayanar : Chief Minister
2. Shri. Baby John : Irrigation
3. Shri. K. Chandrasekharan : Education & Law
4. Shri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair : Food and Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
5. Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma : Industries and Social Welfare
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
6. Shri. T.K. Hamza : Works
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
7. Shri. Lonappan Nambadan : Housing
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
8. Shri. A. Neelalohithadasan Nadar : Sports and Youth Affairs
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
9. Shri. K. Pankajakshan : Labour
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
10. Shri. P.K. Raghavan : Scheduled Castes and
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987) Scheduled Tribes Development
11. Shri. V.V. Raghavan : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
12. Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan** : Co-operation and Fisheries
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)

13. Shri. K. Sankaranarayana Pillai : Transport
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
14. Shri. A.C. Shanmukha Das : Health
15. Shri. T. Sivadasa Menon : Electricity and Rural Development
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
16. Shri. P.S. Sreenivasan : Revenue & Tourism
17. Shri. V.J. Thankappan : Local Administration
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
18. Shri. V. Viswanatha Menon : Finance
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987)
19. Shri. M.P. Veerendra Kumar : Forests
(Assumed office on 2nd April, 1987 and
resigned on 7th April, 1987)
20. Shri. N.M. Joseph : Forests
(Assumed office on 14th April, 1987)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 17th June, 1991 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

** Was not a member of Legislative Assembly. Elected on 3rd June 1987

NINTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. K. KARUNAKARAN**

(24th June, 1991 - 16th March, 1995*)

1. Shri. K. Karunakaran : Chief Minister
2. Shri. C.T. Ahamed Ali : Local Administration
(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)
3. Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport
4. Shri. P.K.K. Bava : Works
(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)
5. Shri. P.P. George : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
6. Shri. T. M. Jacob : Irrigation & Culture
(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)
7. Shri. P. K. Kunhalikutty : Industries
8. Shri. K.M. Mani : Revenue & Law
9. Shri. E.T. Mohammed Basheer : Education
(Assumed office on 29th June, 1991)

10. Shri. T.H. Musthafa : Food & Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
11. Shri. Oommen Chandy : Finance
(Assumed office on 2nd July 1991 and
resigned on 22nd June, 1994)
12. Smt. M.T. Padma : Fisheries & Rural Development
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
13. Shri. C.V. Padmarajan : Electricity & Coir
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
14. Shri. M.V. Raghavan : Co-operation
15. Shri. R. Ramachandran Nair : Health
(Resigned on 5th June, 1994)
16. Shri. N. Ramakrishnan : Labour
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
17. Shri. M.R. Raghuchandrabal : Excise
(Assumed office on 2nd July, 1991)
18. Shri. Pandalam Sudhakaran : SC/ST Development
(Assumed office on 2nd July 1991)
19. Shri. K.P. Viswanathan : Forests & Wild Life
(Assumed Office on 2nd July, 1991 &
resigned on 16th November, 1994)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 16th March, 1995 & requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

Chief Minister : **SHRI. A.K.ANTONY**
(22nd March 1995 - 9th May, 1996*)

1. Shri.A.K. Antony** : Chief Minister
2. Shri. C.T. Ahammed Ali : Works
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
3. Shri. Aryadan Muhammed : Labour & Tourism
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
4. Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai : Transport
(Resigned on 28th July, 1995)
5. Shri. P.K.K. Bava : Panchayat & Social Welfare
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
6. Shri. T.M. Jacob : Irrigation and Culture

7. Shri. Kadavoor Sivadasan : Forests & Rural Development
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
8. Shri. G. Karthikeyan : Electricity
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
9. Shri. P.K. Kunhalikutty : Industries & Municipalities
10. Shri. K.M. Mani : Revenue and Law
11. Shri. E.T. Muhammed Basheer : Education
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
12. Smt. M.T. Padma : Fisheries and Registration
(Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995)
13. Shri. C.V. Padmarajan : Finance
14. Shri. Pandalam Sudhakaran : Excise & Welfare of Backward
(Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995) and Scheduled Communities
15. Shri. M.V. Raghavan : Co-operation
16. Shri. K.K. Ramachandran Master : Food & Civil Supplies
(Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995)
17. Shri. V.M. Sudheeran : Health
(Assumed office on 20th April, 1995)
18. Shri. P.P. Thankachan : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 3rd May, 1995)

* Resignation accepted w.e.f. 9th May, 1996 and requested to continue till alternative arrangements are made.

** Was a member of Rajya Sabha. Elected to Assembly on 30th May, 1995.

TENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI. E.K. NAYANAR**

(From 20th May 1996 - 13th May 2001)

1. Shri. E.K. Nayanar : Chief Minister
2. Shri. Baby John : Irrigation & Labour
(Resigned on 7th January, 1998)
3. Shri. E. Chandrasekharan Nair : Food, Tourism and Law
4. Shri. K.E. Ismail : Revenue
5. Shri. P.J. Joseph : Education and Works
6. Shri. Krishnan Kaniyamparambil : Agriculture
(Assumed office on 9th June, 1997)
7. Shri. Paloli Mohammed Kutty : Local Administration

8. Shri. K. Radhakrishnan : Welfare of Backward & Scheduled communities
9. Shri. V.K. Rajan : Agriculture
(Expired on 29th May, 1997)
10. Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan : Fisheries and Rural Development
11. Shri. P.R. Kurup : Forests and Transport
(Resigned on 11th January, 1999)
12. Dr. A. Neelalohitha Dasan Nadar : Forests & Transport
(Assumed office on 20th January, 1999 and Resigned on 13th February 2000)
13. Shri. A.C. Shanmugha Das : Health & Sports
(Resigned on 19th January, 2000)
14. Shri. T. Sivadasa Menon : Finance
15. Smt. Suseela Gopalan : Industries and Social Welfare
16. Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan : Electricity and Co-operation
(Resigned on 19th October, 1998)
17. Shri. V.P. Ramakrishna Pillai : Irrigation and Labour
(Assumed office on 7th January, 1998)
18. Shri. C.K. Nanu : Forests & Transport
(Assumed office on 17th February 2000)
19. Shri. S. Sarma : Electricity & Co-operation
(Assumed office on 25th October, 1998)
20. Shri. V.C. Kabeer : Health & Sports
(Assumed office on 19th January, 2000)

ELEVENTH KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Chief Minister : **SHRI.A.K.ANTONY**

(From 17th May 2001....to 29th August 2004)

1	Shri. A.K. Antony	Chief Minister
2	Shri. Babu Divakaran	Labour, Employment and Training, Rehabilitation, Factories and Boilers, insurance medical service, industrial tribunals and labour courts
3	Shri. Cherkalam Abdulla (Assumed office on 26 th May, 2001)	Panchayat, Municipalities and Corporation, Town planning, regional development authorities, KILA
4	Shri. K.B. Ganesh Kumar (Resigned w.e.f. 10 th March 2003)	Road Transport, Motor Vehicles, Water Transport, Coastal Shipping, Railways
5	Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma	Agriculture, Soil conservation, Soil survey, Ware housing Corporation, Dairy Development, Milk cooperatives, Agricultural Universities, Animal Husbandry, Coir
6	Shri. M.M. Hassan (Assumed office on 26 th May 2001)	Parliamentary Affairs, Information and public relations, Non-resident Keralites Affairs Department, Welfare of Minorities, Kerala State Film Development Corporation, Official Language
7	Shri. T.M. Jacob	Irrigation, Command Area Development Authority, Ground Water Development, Water Supply and Sanitation, Inland Navigation (Construction of Water Ways), Museums and Zoos, Archives and Archaeology
8	Shri. Kadavoor Sivadasan (Assumed office on 26 th May 2001)	Electricity (upto 11 th February 2004) Health and Family Welfare (from 11 th February 2004)
9	Shri. G. Karthikeyan (Assumed office on 26 th May 2001)	Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection, Cultural Affairs, Devaswoms
10	Shri. P.K. Kunhalikkutty	Industries (Including Industrial Co-operatives), Commerce, Mining and Geology, Handlooms and Textiles, Information Technology, Social Welfare, Wakf and Haj Pilgrimage
11	Dr. M.A. Kuttappan (Assumed office on 26 th May 2001)	Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes, Youth Affairs, Printing and Stationery
12	Shri. K.M. Mani	Land Revenue, Land Reforms, Survey and Land Records, Legal Metrology, Housing, Law

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| 13 | Dr. M.K. Muneer
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Public Works |
| 14 | Shri. Nalakathu Soopy
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | General Education, Collegiate Education, Technical Education, Universities except Agricultural University, Entrance Examinations, Literacy Movement, National Cadet Corps |
| 15 | Shri. M.V. Raghavan | Co-operation, Ports, Harbour Engineering |
| 16 | Shri. P. Sankaran
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Health, Family Welfare, Medical Education, Indigenous Medicines, Drugs Control, Pollution Control, Homoeopathy, Naturopathy (upto 11 th February 2004); Tourism (from 11 th February 2004 onwards) |
| 17 | Shri. K. Sankaranarayanan
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Finance, National Savings, Stores Purchase, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Income Tax, Treasuries, Lotteries, Local Fund Audit, Financial Enterprises, State Insurance, Stamps and Stamp Duties and Excise (upto 11 th February 2004) |
| 18 | Shri. K. Sudhakaran
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Forests and Wild Life, Sports, Posts and Telegraphs |
| 19 | Shri. C.F. Thomas
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Registration, Rural Development, Khadi and Village Industries |
| 20 | Shri. K.V. Thomas
<i>(Assumed office on
26th May 2001)</i> | Fisheries, Tourism (upto 11 th February 2004) Fisheries and Excise(from 11 th February 2004 onwards) |
| 21 | Shri. R. Balakrishna Pillai
<i>(Assumed office on
10th March 2003)</i> | Road Transport, Motor vehicles, Water Transport, Coastal Shipping, Railways |
| 22 | Shri.K.Muralidharan
<i>(Assumed office on
11th February 2004 and resigned
w.e.f. 14th May 2004)</i> | <i>Electricity</i> |

Chief Minister : **SHRI.OOMMEN CHANDY**

(From 31st August 2004.....)

- 1 **Shri. OOMMEN CHANDY** **Chief Minister**, General Administration, Home and Vigilance, All India Services, Integration, Planning and Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment, Scientific Institutes, Personnel and Administrative Reforms, Elections, Administration of Civil and Criminal Justice, Fire Services, Jails, Sainik Welfare, Distress Relief, State Hospitality, Airports, Inter-State River Waters, Information and Public Relations, Non-Resident Keralites' Affairs and subjects not mentioned elsewhere.
- 2 **Shri. Vakkom B. Purushothaman** Finance, Excise, National Savings, Stores Purchase, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Income Tax, Treasuries, Lotteries, Local Fund Audit, Financial Enterprises, State Insurance and Stamps and Duties.
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 3 **Shri. Aryadan Muhammed** Electricity
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 4 **Shri. K.P. Viswanathan** Forests and Wildlife, Printing and Stationary, Posts and Telegraphs, Railways, Kerala State Film Development Corporation.
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
(Resigned on 10th February 2005)
- 5 **Shri. K.K. Ramachandran Master** Health, Family Welfare, Medical Education, Indigenous Medicines, Drugs Control, Pollution Control, Homoeopathy and Naturopathy.
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
(Resigned on 14th January 2006)
- 6 **Shri. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan** Water Resources, Command Area Development Authority, Ground water Development, Water Supply and Sanitation and Parliamentary Affairs. Additional charge of Forest&Wildlife from 10th Feb.2005 to 3rd January 2006 and of Health since 17th January 2006
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 7 **Shri. Adoor Prakash** Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 8 **Shri. Dominic Presentation** Fisheries, Sports and Welfare of Minorities, *Airports (from 6-1-2005)*
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 9 **Shri. K.C. Venugopal** Tourism and Devaswoms
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)

- 10 **Shri. N. Sakthan** Road Transport, Motor Vehicles and Water Transport
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 11 **Shri. A.P. Anil Kumar** Welfare of Scheduled and Backward Communities, Youth Affairs, Cultural Affairs, Museum and Zoos and Archives and Archaeology
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 12 **Shri. P.K. Kunhalikkutty** Industries (Including Industrial Co-operatives), Information Technology, Commerce, Mining and Geology, Handlooms and Textiles, Social Welfare, and Wakf and Haj Pilgrimage
(Resigned w.e.f. 4-1-2005)
- 13 **Shri. E.T. Mohammed Basheer** General Education, Collegiate Education, Technical Education, Universities except Agriculture University, Entrance Examinations, Literacy Movement and National Cadet Corps.
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 14 **Shri. K. Kutty Ahmed Kutty** Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations, Town Planning, Regional Development Authorities and Kerala Institute of Local Administration
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 15 **Dr. M.K. Muneer** Public Works
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 16 **Shri. K.M. Mani** Land Revenue, Land Reforms, Survey and Land Records, Legal Metrology, Law and Housing
- 17 **Shri. C.F. Thomas** Registration, Rural Development and Khadi and Village Industries
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 18 **Smt. K.R. Gouri Amma** Agriculture, Soil Conservation, Soil Survey, Warehousing Corporation, Dairy Development, Milk Co-operatives, Agriculture University, Animal Husbandry and Coir
- 19 **Shri. Babu Divakaran** Labour, Employment and Training, Rehabilitation, Factories and Boilers, Insurance Medical Service, Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts
(Assumed office on 5th September 2004)
- 20 **Shri. M.V. Raghavan** Co-operation, Ports and Harbour Engineering
- 21 **Shri. V.K. Ebrahim Kunju** Industries (Including Industrial Co-operatives), Commerce, Mining and Geology, Handlooms and Textiles, Social Welfare, and Wakf and Haj Pilgrimage, Welfare of Minorities
(Assumed office on 6th January 2005)
22. **Shri. A. Sujanapal** Forests and Wildlife, Environment, Pollution Control Board and Programme Implementation.
(Assumed office on 4th January 2006)

Down the Memory Lane

*Council of Ministers
before 1956*

**MINISTERS IN THE COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
FIFTH COUNCIL (1938-1945)**

1. **Mr. Ambat Sivarama Menon** : Rural Development
(Assumed office on 17th June, 1938 and expired on 30th August, 1938)
2. **Dr. A.R. Menon** : Rural Development
(Assumed office on 5th September, 1938 and resigned with effect from 26th February, 1942)
3. **Mr. T.K. Nayar** : Rural development
(Assumed office on 26th February, 1942 and resigned on 11th July, 1945)

SIXTH COUNCIL (1945-1948)

1. **Mr. Parambi Lonappan** : Rural Development
Public Health (since 6th June, 1946)
(Assumed office on 11th July, 1945 and resigned w.e.f. 8th August 1946)
2. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** : Development
(Assumed office on 15th May 1946 and resigned w.e.f. 8th August, 1946)

MINISTERS FOR COCHIN AFTER THE 1946 REFORMS

1. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** : Food and Education
(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)
2. **Mr. T.K. Nayar** : Public Health
(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)
3. **Mr. C.R. Iyyunni** : Revenue
(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)
4. **Mr. K. Ayyappan** : Public Works
(Assumed office on 9th September, 1946)

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AFTER INDEPENDENCE

Prime Minister : Mr. P. GOVINDA MENON

(1st September, 1947-22nd October, 1947)

1. **Mr. P. Govinda Menon** : Prime Minister
2. **Mr. T.K. Nayar** : Public Health
3. **Mr. C.R. Iyyunni** : Revenue
4. **Mr. K. Ayyappan** : Pubic Works

Prime Minister : Mr. T.K. NAYAR

(27th October , 1947-20th September, 1948)

1. **Mr. T.K.Nayar** : Prime Minister
2. **Parambi Lonappan** : Revenue
3. **Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon** : Food and Education

Prime Minister : Mr. E.IKKANDA WARRIER

(20th September, 1948-1st July , 1949)

1. **Mr. Ikkanda Warriar** : Prime Minister
2. **Mr. Panampilly Govinda Menon** : Finance and Law
(Assumed office with effect from 26th September , 1948)
3. **Mr. K. Ayyappan** : Public Works and Revenue
(Assumed office with effect from 26th September , 1948)
4. **Mr. C.A. Ouseph** : Education and Public Health
(Assumed office with effect from 26th September , 1948)

MALABAR

*Malabar was a part of Madras Province till the formation of the State of Kerala.
Shri. Kongattil Raman Menon served as the Minister for Law and Justice in Madras,
in the Cabinet headed by Shri. C. RajaGopalachary during 1937-39.*

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TRAVANCORE

Prime Minister : Mr. A. THANU PILLAI

(24th March, 1948 – 22nd October, 1948)

1. **Mr. A Thanu Pillai** : Prime Minister
2. **Mr. T.M. Varghese** : Education, Industries and Transport
3. **Mr. C.Kesavan** : Public Health , Local Self Government, Forest and Labour
4. **Mr. A. Achuthan** : Public Works
(Assumed charge on 13th July 1948)
5. **Mr. K.M. Korah** : Food and Agriculture
(Assumed charge on 13th July 1948)
6. **Mr. P.S. Nataraja Pillai** : (Assumed charge on 13th July, 1948 and
resigned on 20th July, 1948)
7. **Mr. G. Ramachandran** : (Assumed charge on 13th July, 1948)

Prime Minister : Mr. PARUR T.K. NARAYANA PILLAI

(22nd October, 1948 – 1st July, 1949)

1. **Mr. Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai** : Prime Minister
2. **Mr. A.J. John** : Finance
(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)
3. **Mr. V.O. Markos** : Land, Food and Forests
(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)
4. **Mr. N. Kunjuraman** : Education
(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)
5. **Mr. K.R. Elankath** : Public Works and Transport
(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)
6. **Mr. E.K. Madhavan** : Health, Excise and Prohibition
(Assumed charge on 27th October, 1948)
7. **Mr. T.A. Abdulla** : (Assumed charge on 14th May , 1949)

COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, TRAVANCORE – COCHIN

Premier : PARUR T.K. NARAYANA PILLAI

(1st July, 1949 – 1st March, 1951)

1. **Mr. Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai** : Premier (Chief Minister)
2. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** : Land and Agriculture
(Resigned with effect from 3rd January, 1950)
3. **Mr. A.J. John** : Finance and Revenue
(Resigned with effect from 1st March, 1951)
4. **Mr. K. Ayyappan** : Local Self Government and Rural Uplift
(Resigned with effect from 3rd January, 1950)
5. **Mr. Panampilly Govinda Menon** : Education, Labour and Civil Supplies
(Resigned with effect from 1st March , 1951)
6. **Mr. E.K. Madhavan** (Resigned with effect from 5th July, 1949)
7. **Mr. T.A. Abdulla** : Food and Supplies
(Resigned with effect from 3rd January, 1950)
8. **Miss Annie Mascarene** : Health and Power
(Assumed office on 5th July, 1949
resigned with effect from 3rd January, 1950)

9. **Mr. E. John Philipose** : Public Works, Communications and Agriculture
(Assumed office on 5th July, 1949
Resigned with effect from 1st March 1951)
10. **Mr. N. Kunjuraman** : Industries and Excise
(Assumed office on 5th July, 1949
Resigned with effect from 1st March, 1951)

Chief Minister : Mr. C. KESAVAN

(3rd March, 1951 –12 March , 1952)

1. **Mr. C. Kesavan** : Chief Minister
2. **Mr. Parur T.K. Narayana Pillai** : Food, Labour and Education
(Assumed office on 5th March, 1951
Resigned with effect from 5th September, 1951)
3. **Mr. A.J. John** : Finance, Revenue and Public Health
(Assumed office on 5th March, 1951 and
resigned with effect from 5th September, 1951)
4. **Mr. K.M. Korah** : Finance and Food
(Assumed office on 6th September , 1951)
5. **Mr. G. Chandrasekhara Pillai** : Public Works
(Assumed office on 6th September , 1951)
6. **Mr. L.M. Pylee** : Education and Revenue
(Assumed office on 6th September , 1951)
7. **Mr. P.K. Krishnan Kutty Menon** : Industries and Labour
(Assumed office on 6th September , 1951 and
resigned with effect from 6th March 1952)

Chief Minister : Mr. A.J. JOHN

(12th March, 1952 – 24th September, 1953)

1. Mr. A.J. John : Chief Minister
2. Mr. T.M. Varghese : Home Affairs
3. Mr. Panampilly Govinda Menon : Finance and Civil Supplies
4. Mr. Kalathil K. Velayudhan Nair : Works and Transport
5. Mr. V. Madhavan : Medicine and Public Health
6. Mr. K. Kochukuttan : Local Self Government
7. Mr. A. Chithambaranatha Nadar : Land Revenue and Forests
(Assumed charge on 24th May, 1952
Resigned with effect from 15th September, 1953)

Chief Minister : Mr. A THANU PILLAI

(16th March, 1954 – 14th February, 1955)

1. **Mr. A. Thanu Pillai** : Chief Minister
2. **Mr. P.S. Nataraja Pillai** : Finance and Revenue
(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)
3. **Mr. A. Achuthan** : Works and Transport
(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)
4. **Mr. P.K. Kunju** : Local Self Government, Public Health and Medicine
(Assumed office on 17th March, 1954)

Chief Minister : Mr. PANAMPILLY GOVINDA MENON

(14th February, 1955-23rd March, 1956)

1. **Mr. Panampilly Govinda Menon** : Chief Minister
2. **Mr. A. J. John** : Home Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies and Forests
3. **Mr. K. Kochukuttan** : Local Self Government
4. **Mr. A.A. Rahim** : Health, Medicine and Agriculture
5. **Mr. K.I. Velayudhan** : Public Works, Transport and Electricity

*Some Facts from the
Files*

SOME FACTS FROM THE FILES

1. The Ministry which served for the longest term - **C. Achutha Menon Ministry**
(1970-77)
2. The Ministry which served for the shortest term - **K. Karunakaran Ministry**
(March 25-April 25, 1977)
3. The Minister who has served for the longest term - **Shri. K.M. Mani**
4. The Minister who has served for the shortest term - **Shri. M.P. Veerendra Kumar**
5. The Minister who was neither a member of the assembly nor had to face the House - **Shri. K. Muraleedharan**
6. The Finance Minister who had presented maximum number of Budgets - **Shri. K.M. Mani (8 Times)**
7. The Chief Minister who had served as Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker, Minister and Member of Parliament. - **Shri. C.H. Mohammed Koya**
8. The Ministers who had also served as Speaker - **Shri. D. Damodaran Potty**
Shri. T. S. John
Shri. Chakeeri Ahamed Kutty
Shri. Vakkom Purushothaman
Shri. V.M. Sudheeran
Shri. P.P. Thankachan
9. The Ministers who had also served as Deputy Speaker - **Shri. R. S. Unni**
Shri. K. Narayana Kurup
Shri. N. Sundaran Nadar
10. The Chief Ministers who had also served as Leaders of Opposition - **Shri. EMS Namboodiripad**
Shri. K. Karunakaran
Shri. P.K. Vasudevan Nair
Shri. E.K. Nayanar
Shri. A.K. Antony
11. The Ministers who had served as Leaders of Opposition - **Shri. P.T. Chacko**
Shri. T.K. Ramakrishnan
12. The Chief Ministers who had served as Union Cabinet Ministers - **Shri. A.K. Antony**
Shri. K. Karunakaran
13. The Chief Minister who later served as Governor - **Shri. Pattom A. Thanu Pillai**
14. The Minister who has also served as Lt. Governor - **Shri. Vakkom Purushothaman**
15. The Ministers who had served in the Union Council of Ministers - **Shri. M.P. Veerendra Kumar,**
Shri. E. Ahamed
Shri. Vayalar Ravi

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Ministers*

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