

**BEFORE THE KERALA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION,
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**PRESENT: SHRI. A. SHAJAHAN,
STATE ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Thursday, the 22nd day of February, 2024

O.P. Nos. 02 of 2023 and 03 of 2023

O.P. No. 02 of 2023

Petitioner

: V.A. Sooraj
S/o. V.K. Achuthan Nair,
Venmelil, Aruvappulam P.O.,
Konni, Pathanamthitta

(District President,
Bharatiya Janata Party, Pathanamthitta)

(By Adv. Hari V.R.)

Respondent

: Raveendran @ Mandiram Raveendran,
S/o. Karthiyayani,
Parackkal House (Parackkal Nivas),
Mandiram, Ranni, Pathanamthitta

(Member, Ward No.04,
Ranni Grama Panchayat)

(By Adv. S. Ajith Kumar)

O.P. No. 03 of 2023

Petitioner

: V.A. Sooraj
S/o. V.K. Achuthan Nair,
Venmelil, Aruvappulam P.O.,
Konni, Pathanamthitta

(District President,
Bharatiya Janata Party, Pathanamthitta)

(By Adv. Hari V.R.)

Respondent

: Vinod A.S.
S/o. Sadasivan,
Adichinal Niravel,
Puthusserimala P.O.,
Pathanamthitta

(Member, Ward No.07,
Ranni Grama Panchayat)

(By Adv. S. Ajith Kumar)

ORDER

These are petitions filed under Section 3 of the Kerala Local Authorities (Prohibition of Defection) Act, 1999.

2. The averments in the petition in short are as follows:

The Petitioner, the District President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Pathanamthitta, heads the coalition of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Pathanamthitta District; the Respondents are the members of the