

A. K. BALAN [C.P.I.(M)–TARUR(SC)]

Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, Law, Culture and Parliamentary Affairs

Son of Shri Kelappan and Smt. Kunhi; born at Tooneri, Nadapuram on 3rd August 1948; B.A., LL.B.; Advocate; Social and Political Worker.

Entered politics through students' movement; Was Chairman, Thalassery Brennan College Union (1973-74); Senate Member, Calicut University (1975-76); Secretary and President of S.F.I. State Committee (1979-82); President, Palakkad District Council (1989-91); Chairman, K.S.F.E.(1996-2001); District President and Secretary, C.I.T.U., Palakkad.

Led Kozhikode Thottakkad Excess Land Agitation and was imprisoned for 30 days in Kannur Central Jail; led the struggle for a University Centre at Thalassery; led the struggle to introduce the shift system in colleges and also to provide educational concessions to parallel college students; led the struggle for enhancing educational concessions to students belonging to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities.

Elected to Parliament from Ottappalam (1980-85). Was Member, Estimates Committee and Defence Consultation Committee; Minister for Welfare of Scheduled Communities and Electricity from 18-5-2006 to 14-5-2011; Secretary, C.P.I.(M) Parliamentary Party in the 13th KLA.

Now, All India Executive Committee Member and State Vice-President, C.I.T.U.; Central Committee Member, C.P.I.(M).

Previously elected to KLA in 2001, 2006 and 2011.

Languages known	:	Malayalam and English
Wife	:	Dr. P. K. Jameela
Children	:	Two sons
Travels Abroad	:	China, Netherlands, U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, France, South Korea, Singapore, Denmark
Hobbies	:	Reading and Magic
Recreation	:	Writing articles
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Voting Results		
Electorate	:	1,63,539
Votes Polled	:	1,29,022
Shri A. K. Balan [C.P.I.(M)]	:	67,047
Shri C. Prakash (I.N.C.)	:	43,979
Shri K. V. Divakaran (B.J.P.)	:	15,493

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