

SHRI KN BALAGOPAL

Shri KN Balagopal -Minister for Finance, National Savings, Stores Purchase, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Income Tax, Treasuries, Lotteries, State Audit, Kerala State Financial Enterprises, State Insurance, Kerala Financial Corporation, and Stamps and Stamp Duties

Shri KN Balagopal is the son of Shri P.K. Narayana Panicker and Smt Radhamony Amma. He was born in Kalanjoor, Pathanamthitta, on 28th July 1963. He holds postgraduate degrees in Commerce and Law. KN Balagopal started his political career as the Cartoon Club Secretary of Punalur SN College in 1981. He held various political positions, such as Union Chairman of Punalur SN College and Thiruvananthapuram MG College, Member of the Kerala University Senate, SFI Kollam District President, SFI District Secretary, SFI State President, DYFI All India President. He became CPI (M) Kollam District Secretary in 2014. He has been a CPI (M) State Committee member since 1998, a CPI (M) State Secretariat member since 2019, and a CPI (M) Central Committee member since 2022. He served as the

Political Secretary to the former Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri V.S. Achuthanandan, from 2006 to 2010. He was elected to the Rajya Sabha in April 2010 and served as a Member of Parliament from April 2010 to April 2016, winning the ‘Sansad Ratna Puraskar’ for his outstanding contributions to the Parliament in 2016. In the 2021 Kerala Assembly Election, he was elected to the Legislative Assembly from the Kottarakkara constituency. Currently, he is serving as the Minister for Finance, National Savings, Stores Purchase, Commercial Taxes, Agricultural Income Tax, Treasuries, Lotteries, State Audit, Kerala State Financial Enterprises, State Insurance, Kerala Financial Corporation, and Stamps and Stamp Duties.