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MINISTERS: CHIEF E.M.SHANKARAN NAMBOODIRIPAD [EMS]Elamkulam Shankaran Namboodinipad, who graduated fromSt.Thomas College, was the first Chiefministerofa Communist Government to come to power through a dult franchise. he was the Chief Minister of Kerala for two tems:1957 & 1967. He served the Communist Party of India [Marxist] as General Secretary for fourteen years. EMS, as he was popularly known throughout the world, was the epitome of literary

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and cultural resurgence in Kerala. Closely associated with social reformers like MRB and VTB, EMS was in the forefront of the struggle against conservatismand casteism, the bane of Kerala in those days. He was also closely associated with the Valluvanad Yoga Shema Sabha, an organization of progressive mindedyoungsters...It was during his tenure as Chiefministerthat radical reforms were implemented in the fields of education and agriculture. The Kerala Land Reforms Act and Kerala Education Bill continue to be beaconlights in those areas even today. The first Communist Government headed by himwas dismissed in 1959 when the provisions of Article 356 were invoked. Later he became the Chief Minister in 1969, but resigned two years later when his Ministry lost majority. EMS was the leader of the Opposition after that from 1960 to 1964. He has to his credit several books and articles, both in English and Malayalam Shri EMS diedon 19th March, 1998. he was survived by his wife Arya Antharjanam, two daughters Malathy and Radha and two sons Sreedharan and Sashi.



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