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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms& website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selections, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedent could not be selected as candidates.

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Contempt Petition (C) No.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) No. 536 of 2011.

Name of Political Party- Bharatiya Janata Party

Name of Election- West Bengal Assembly Election 2021

Name of State- West Bengal

**17. Name of the Constituency -282-KULTI**

**Name of the Candidate: -AJAY KUMAR PODDAR**

Sl 1.	Criminal antecedents			
a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 143/342/186/353/506 OF IPC	U/S 420/406/465/467/471/ 120B OF IPC	
b.	Case no.	GR Case No.188/2019	Complain case no.661/2013	
c.	Name of the Court	C.J.M Paschim Bardhaman at Asansol	Ld. 7 <sup>th</sup> court at Asansol	
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No	No	
e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	

	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Nothing	Nothing
2.	<p>The reasons for the selection of the candidate.</p> <p>Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)</p>		<p>He is a medical practitioner and has done his Graduation from Bachelor and Bachelor of surgery from Ranchi medical college, also he is a popular leader in the Kulti Assembly Constituency. The cases pending against him are false and politically motivated in nature since he dared to raise his voice against the anti-poor policies of the ruling party. Majority of the local party workers in the said A.C. look upto him for his leadership skills and are keen to have him as their representative in the Vidhan Sabha. Thus, the party deemed it fit to select him as a candidate.</p>	
3.	<p>Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)</p>		<p>Keeping in view, the services being rendered by him in the constituency and considering the cases against him are recent and foisted as a result of political vendetta, the party has preferred him over any other candidate.</p>	