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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 -106-JAGATDAL****Name of the Candidate-ARINDAM BHATTACHARYA**

Sl 1.	Criminal antecedents			
a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 438/34 OF IPC	U/S 147/149/283/186/341 OF IPC	
b.	Case no.	CASE NO.201/2016	CASE NO.498/2015	
c.	Name of the Court	A.C.J.M at Shantipur	Addl. Chief metropolitan magistrate, calcutta	
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.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. 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)	He is a respectable member of the society and is very popular amongst the local population and enjoys support of the local electorate. The cases pending against him are recent and false, slapped on him with ulterior motive by the ruling dispensation due to political rivalry.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The two cases pending against him are frivolous and politically motivated, his contribution to the social field is undisputable. He has built an unparalleled reputation through social and developmental work.