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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

(1) Name of the Constituency –15 Dhupguri (S.C.)

Name of the Candidate- Sh. Bishnu Pada Ray

Sl.	Criminal Antecedents	
1.		
a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 147,148,149,323,324,325,326,382,333,336,307,353,186,109,120B IPC R/W- 3PDPP,9MPO
b.	Case no.	GR case no. 4725/18
c.	Name of the Court	CJM Jalpaiguri
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No
e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not applicable
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not applicable
g.	Any other information required to be given	Nothing
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with referenceto the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is a well- known social activist and an active political worker in West Bengal. He is a farmer and a grassroots social worker having very good reputation in the society and he has been tirelessly working for the welfare and development of the villages and for upliftment of the youth and weaker sections of the society. The local supporters of the party wished that he be made their representative and voice. There is only one case against him which arise out of political vendetta.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	There is only one case against him , which is politically motivated. He is the farmer and has been associated with people of his area for local development and enjoys the support of the local electorate. Hence the party deemed it fit to select him as a candidate.