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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

**19. Name of the Constituency –292-HANSAN A.C.**

**Name of the Candidate- NIKHIL BANERJEE**

S l. 1 .	Criminal Antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 153/283/505/506/116/34 OF IPC & 32 OF POLICE ACT
b.	Case no.	GR NO.136/2020
c.	Name of the Court	Ld. A.C.J.M Court, Rampurhat
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 reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He has done his Bachelor of Arts (hons.) from Rampurhat College under University of Burdwan in the year 1989 also, He is a well-respected local leader and social and political activist and has done a lot for the upliftment of the weaker sections of the local community. He works actively and dedicatedly for the party and local workers. The sole case pending against him is a result of political vendetta as he has dared to raise his voice against the anti-poor policies of the ruling party in West Bengal.
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 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.