

**Format C-7**

(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- Bye-Elections in Parliamentary/Assembly Constituencies of various States 2021

**1. Name of the Constituency- Dinhata-7 (WB)****Name of the Candidate- Ashok Mandal**

Sl 1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 147, 148, 149, 448, 325, 326, 307, 354, 379, 427 r/w Section 3 OF PDPP Act
	b.	Case no.	Case No. 22/2017 PS Sahebganj dated 14.05.2017 GR Case No. 502 of 2017
	c.	Name of the Court	ACJM, Dinhata
	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	Not Applicable
2.	<p>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)</p>		<p>He is a respectable member of the society and is very popular amongst the local population and enjoys support of the local electorate. There is only one case against him. The case pending against him is false and is slapped on him with ulterior motive by the ruling dispensation due to political rivalry</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 case against him is false and foisted as a result of political vendetta, the party has preferred him over any other candidate.</p>