

**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 selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents 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 the Political Party : **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP)**  
 \*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-2026, WEST BENGAL**  
 Name of State/UT : **WEST BENGAL**  
 (1) Name of the Constituency : **234, SALBONI**  
 Name of the Candidate : **SHRI BIMAN MAHATO**

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the Offences
		Offences under IPC/DM Act. etc.
	b.	Case No.
		1. Salboni P.S Case No. 76/2018, GR Case No. 1247/2018 U/s 147/148/149/323 IPC 2. Salboni P.S Case No. 62/2021, GR Case No. 808/2021 U/s 143/149 /188 IPC & 32/34(a) Police Act 3. Salboni P.S Case No. 9/2022, G.R. Case No.17846/2022 U/s 143/188/51(B) D.M. Act 4. Salboni P.S Case No. 249/2019, G.R. Case No.4228/2019 U/s 341/323/325/34 IPC 5. Goaltore P.S. Case No. 48/2019, G.R. No 48/2019 U/s 143/145/147/149/186/188/332/333/353/325/323/427/34 IPC 6. Special Trail No. 23/2021 U/s 341/354/506/34 IPC & Add Sec. 3(i)(R), 3(1)(s), 3(1)(v) of the SC & ST Prevention of Atrocities Act
	c.	Name of the Court
		1. Ld. 4th JM Court, Paschim Medinipur 2. Ld. 5th JM Court, Paschim Medinipur 3. Ld. 4th JM Court, Paschim Medinipur 4. Ld. 3rd JM Court, Paschim Medinipur 5. Ld. 3rd ADJ Court, Paschim Medinipur 6. Ld. ADJ Court, Paschim Medinipur

Sl. No.		
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)
		Sl. No. 2 & 5 : Yes Sl. No. 1, 3, 4 & 6 : 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
		No
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)
		The candidate, Biman Mahato, has been selected on the basis of his strong grassroot presence, consistent involvement in public welfare activities, and long-standing association with the local community. He possesses effective leadership qualities, organizational capability, and a proven track record in addressing public grievances. His familiarity with local issues and his ability to mobilize and represent the people of the constituency make him a suitable candidate despite the pendency of cases, which are yet to be adjudicated and are sub judice in nature.
3.		Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)
		The selection of the candidate has been made after considering overall merit, experience, and public acceptability. While individuals without criminal antecedents may be available, the party has found Biman Mahato to be more capable in terms of leadership, public outreach, and effective representation of the constituency. The pending cases are subject to judicial determination, and mere pendency does not disqualify his candidature. Therefore, his suitability has been assessed on broader considerations of public service and electoral responsibility.

\*In the case of election to Council of States or States or election to Legislative Council by MLAs, mention the election concerned in place of name of Constituency.

**Signature of office bearer of the Political Party**



**Shashi Agnihotri**  
**State General Secretary**  
**BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP)**  
**WEST BENGAL**