

**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 : **6, SITAI (SC)**  
Name of the Candidate : **SHRI ASHUTOSH BARMA**

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a. Nature of the Offences	Offences under Railway Act.
	b. Case No.	Alipurduar P.S, (GRPS) Case No. 533/2024 Dt. 11.12.2024 GR - 1185/2024, U/S-174(A), Railway Act 553, 147, 146, 145(B) of Railway Act
	c. Name of the Court	C.J.M. Alipurduar
	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	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 above registered case against the candidate is politically motivated. The party inclined to choose him as a fit candidate for Legislative Assembly as he has longstanding association with the party. He has got a long time attachment in the social and cultural field in the constituency.
3.	Reason as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The above registered case against the candidate is politically motivated. The party inclined to choose him as a fit candidate for Legislative Assembly as he has longstanding association with the party. He has got a long time attachment in the social and cultural field in the constituency.

\*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**