

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 Political Party: BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP)

Name of the Election: COUNCIL OF STATES (RAJYA SABHA ELECTION)

Name of State/UT: WEST BENGAL

Name of Candidate - **NAGENDRA RAY**

Sl. No.			
1	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	<p>(1) 448/406/417/506/34 OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE</p> <p>THAT IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED THAT THE CANDIDATE ALONG WITH HIS MEN HAD MADE A PANDAL AT THE LAND OF THE COMPLAINANT FOR CELEBRATING THE BIRTHDAY OF BIR CHILA RAI AND HAS THREATENED THE COMPLAINANT WHEN HE PROTESTED TO THE SAME.</p> <p>(2) 447/186/353/207/468/471/420/506 OF THE INDIAN PENAL CODE</p> <p>IT HAS BEEN ALLEGED BY THE COMPLAINANT THAT THE CANDIDATE AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GREATER COOCH BEHAR PEOPLES ASSOCIATION HAVE TAKEN OVER A PORTION OF THEIR LAND BY FALSE MUTATION AND HAS BUILT A SHIV CHANDI TEMPLE AND ERECTED A STATUTE OF SRI. BIR CHILA RAI TO BE WORSHIPED AND THAT WHEN THE MEN AND AGENTS OF THE COMPLAINANT HAD WENT FOR OFFICIAL LAND WORK THEY WERE</p>

		HARASSED BY MEMBERS OF “NARAYANI SENNA” AND ARE BEING THREATENED.
b.	Case no.	(1) KOTWALI POLICE STATION CASE NO. 110 OF 2017 DATED 07.02.2017 G.R. CASE NO. 143 OF 2017 (2) KOTWALI POLICE STATION CASE NO. 944 OF 2016 DATED 27.08.2016 G.R. CASE NO. 1108 OF 2016
c.	Name of the Court	(1) C.J.M, COOCH BEHAR (2) C.J.M, COOCH BEHAR
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	(1) (2)
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NA
g.	Any other information required to be given	(1) (2)
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 is a person who has been engaged in social service for the people of the constituency for the past many years. He was found to have good understanding of the ground situation and shared a good rapport with the voters here.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The BJP firmly believes in fielding candidate who can best represent the aspirations of the people of the constituency. Thus, he has been chosen over the others.

Sd/-

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

Name of Office Bearer -

Designation -

Note:-

(1) Political parties (at the Central and State election level) shall upload on their website detailed information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases (including the nature of the offences, and relevant particulars such as whether charges have been framed, the concerned Court, the case number etc.) 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.

(2) The reasons as to selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate concerned, and not mere “winnability” at the polls.

(3) This information shall also be published in:

(a) One local vernacular newspaper and one national newspaper;

(b) On the official social media platforms of the political party, including Facebook & Twitter.

(4) The matter in newspapers shall be published in font size of at least 12.

(5) The above information shall be published State wise for each State/UT.

(6) These details shall be published within 48 hours of the selection of the candidate or not less than two weeks before the first date for filing of nominations, whichever is earlier.

(7) The political party concerned shall then submit a report of compliance in Format C-8 with the Election Commission within 72 hours of the selection of the said