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

Name of the Election : General Elections to the House of People-2024 (Lok Sabha)

Name of State : Punjab
Name of the Constituency : (12) Sangrur
Name of the Candidate : Sh. Arvind Khanna

S.No.					
1.	Criminal antecedents				
	a.	Nature of the Offences	U/S 23(1) r/w S.4(1) Of FCRA Act		U/s 8 of the PC Act r/w 120B IPC.
	b.	Case no.	CC No. 37 of 2022		CC No. 39 of 2023
	c.	Name of the Court	Ld. ACMM-04, Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi		Ld. Special Judge (PC Act)(CBI), Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi.
	d.	Whether charges framed (Yes/No)	No		No
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	N/A		N/A
	f.	Details of Punishment undergone, if any	N/A		N/A
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Appeal filed vide MC No. 6614-2022 in Hon'ble High Court.		N/A
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 senior politician and is a well known social worker having good leadership quality. He is running Umeed Foundation stressing the need to save daughters. He is a great philanthropist. He is serving as vice-president of BJP Punjab since December 2022 and is a member of BJP Punjab's core committee and finance committee.	
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)			The candidate has been MLA from his area twice and is prominent among the people of the constituency and helped the needful people during the hard time. He was also given ticket for MLA in 2022 Assembly Elections. He works for economic & social empowerment of women & employment generation.	

Name: N.K. Verma

Post: Convener, Legal Cell BJP Punjab.