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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: LOK-SABHA

Name of State: CHHATTISGARH

(2) Name of the Constituency – RAJNANDGAON

Name of the candidate – Shri Santosh Pandey

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1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	1. IPC- S.147,148,149,109,353,332,153A,186,188,295,427,120B,144,152,440,452,455,295
b.	Case no.	1. CC. NO. 135/2022
c.	Name of the Court	1. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Kawardha (C.G.)
d.	Whether charges have been Framed or not (Yes/No)	No
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NA
g.	Any other information Required to be given	NA
2.	The reason 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 100words)	The alleged offence against Shri Santosh Pandey are raised as a consequence of political agitation led by him against arrogant acts of previous Congress Govt. He is highly dedicated politician and social worker and have immense public support which is result of his dedicated social work towards public of Rajnandgaon. By nature he is a soft spoken and law abiding person.He appears appropriate for responsibility of Member of Parliament for the better representation of people of Chhattisgarh and forwarded towards nation's democracy. No other candidate appears more appropriate as compared to him for better representation of people of Rajnandgaon.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The criminal allegations against Sri Santosh Pandey are raise with ulterior motives by the previous Congress Govt to suppress a public agitation being led by him. Sri Santosh Pandey is by nature a soft spoken and law abiding person. He is highly dedicated politician and social worker who devoted his complete life for the benefit of common man and society at large. He is having immense public support which is result of his dedicated social work towards public of Chhattisgarh more particularly, Rajnandgaon. No other candidate appears more appropriate as compared to him for better representation of people of Rajnandgaon.

* 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.



(STATE OFFICE, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-CHHATTISGARH)

(Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)