

**Arial 7.5 points**

**Size: 16cm (w) x 23cm (h)**

**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**  
\*Name of the Election : **LOK SABHA GENERAL ELECTIONS - 2024**  
Name of State : West Bengal  
(1) Name of the Constituency : **DARJEELING (4)**  
Name of Candidate : **RAJU BISTA**

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the Offences	i) 505 (1) (b)/153 IPC and U/s 166 IPC (FIR no. 95 PS Entally PS, Kolkata) ii) 143/147/149/186/188/332/353 & 3 PDPP Act (FIR no. 200/2022, PS Civil Lines) iii) 147/149/353/427 IPC, Sec 3 of PDPP Act & 9 WBMPO Act (FIR no. 1426/2020 PS New Jalpaiguri)
b.	Case No.	i) PS case no. 95 dated 5.4.2020 (5.4.20) PS Entally ii) CR Case no. 12/2022, iv) 147/149/353/427 IPC, Sec 3 of PDPP Act & 9 WBMPO Act (case quashed by Circuit Bench at Jalpaiguri, of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta C.R.R. 1/2021) & C.R.R. 2/2021 judgment dated 22.8.23)
c.	Name of the Court	i) ACJM, Sealdah ii) ACMM, Rouse Avenue Court, Delhi iii) Not known
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	i) No ii) Yes iii) Not known
e.	Date of conviction, if any	Not Applicable/no conviction
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Not Applicable/Nil
g.	Any other information required to be given	Not Applicable/Nil
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 has an impeccable record as an elected representative and the MP of Darjeeling. He is vocal about highlighting corruption and misappropriation of public funds in the state.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	As a responsible party worker and public leader, he has an edge over other individuals considering his popularity, mass outreach in rural areas, and very vocal about highlighting issues and problems of the region.  The charges alleged in the cases have no substance and are purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta being waged by his political opponents who want to keep issues of corruption hidden from public discussion. The party believes that there will be no adverse outcome against the alleged accused.

\* 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.



**Jagannath Chattopadhyay**  
State General Secretary  
BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP)  
WEST BENGAL

**Format C-7**

*(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the*

**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 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 LOKASABHA 2024

Name of State/ UT: KARNATAKA

(1) Name of the Constituency – PC -17, DAKSHINA KANNADA PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY

Name of the candidate – SHRI BRIJESH CHOWTA

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Section 127 of RP Act
	b.	Case no.	Crime No 199/2018
	c.	Name of the Court	PRL CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC NANJANGUDU
	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 selected candidate is a very dynamic and dedicated worker and the case is a politically motivated one
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		The selected candidate is a very dynamic and dedicated worker and the case is a politically motivated one long pending and party believes that there will be a favorable outcome against the alleged accused.

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



**B.Y. VIJAYENDRA**

**(PRESIDENT, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-KARN/**  
**(Signature of office bearer of the Political P.**