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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 the Political Party: **All India Trinamool Congress**

*Name of the Election: **West Bengal Legislative Assembly Elections 2026**

Name of State/UT: **West Bengal**

- (1) Name of the Constituency - **283 Barabani**
(2) Name of the Candidate - **Bidhan Upadhyay**

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1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences alleged under Sections: Sections 148/149/323/325/332/353/427/506 IPC 1860
	b.	Case No.	GR Case No. 251/96 arising out of Asansol North PS Case No. 31 of 1996 dated 25.02.1996
	c.	Name of the Court	Judicial Magistrate, 2 nd Court, Asansol, Paschim Bardhaman
	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)		Having been elected thrice from the Barabani constituency, he has consistently demonstrated leadership, administrative understanding, and an unwavering commitment to community welfare. His sustained engagement with constituency issues and proven ability to deliver meaningful development equip him to effectively represent local interests. His merit, credibility, and responsiveness make him an ideal and well-qualified candidate.

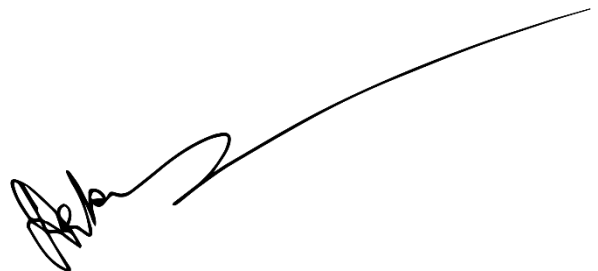
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	His three consecutive electoral victories from Barabani Assembly Constituency reflect longstanding community confidence and his demonstrated ability to address local concerns. His level of organisational involvement, leadership readiness, and familiarity with constituency needs. The proceeding against him is a very old proceeding, which is devoid of merit and has not shown any significant progress in the past 3 decades and the candidate has continued to win elections several times, despite presence of such proceeding.
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* 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
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