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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: **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF WEST BENGAL 2026**

Name of State/UT: **WEST BENGAL**

- (1) Name of the Constituency - **28- Chopra Assembly Constituency**
Name of the Candidate - **Hamidul Rahaman**

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1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences alleged under Sections: Sections 147/148/149/448/323/342 of IPC, 1860.
	b.	Case No.	GR Case No. 1566/1979 (in connection to FIR No. 04/1979 dated 15.10.1979)
	c.	Name of the Court	Learned Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate at Islampur Sub-Divisional Court
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	N. A
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	N. A
	g.	Any other information required to be given	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)		The candidate is an active public figure with consistent engagement in social and community-related issues. He has maintained a strong connection with the people and has been responsive to local concerns. His public conduct reflects accountability, transparency, and adherence to legal requirements. The candidate's involvement in public life and his ability to represent the interests of the constituency form the basis of his consideration.

3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The allegations are wholly baseless, exaggerated, and devoid of any substantive foundation and appear to have been made with an oblique motive to tarnish the image of the candidate. The claims are frivolous, unsustainable, and bereft of merit. The reputation of the candidate outweighs such stray allegations and any other possible candidate.
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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

Name and Designation



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