

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 TRINAMOOOL 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 - **1- Mekliganj (SC) Assembly Constituency**
Name of the Candidate - **Paresh Chandra Adhikary**

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences Alleged Under: Sections 420/467/468/471/477A, Sect read with Sections 120B/201/109 of IPC, 1860.
	b.	Case no.	Special Case No. 04/2025 (Arising out of RC 010 2022 A0004, dated 18-05-2022, CBI A.C.B. Kolkata).
	c.	Name of the Court	1 st Special Judge (CBI) at Alipore.
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes, on 11-09-2025
	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		The candidate on the basis of his demonstrated public engagement, transparency, and commitment towards society. He has duly disclosed all assets, liabilities, and pending cases in accordance with law, reflecting accountability and adherence to statutory requirements. The candidate is actively involved in social work and has consistently contributed towards the welfare and development of the community. His background indicates sustained public interaction and service-oriented

	polls (not more than 100 words)	activities. The selection has been made on the basis of merit, integrity, and public service orientation, and not merely on electoral winnability.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	Same as above.

(2) Name of the Constituency - **1- Mekliganj (SC) Assembly Constituency**

Name of the Candidate - **Paresh Chandra Adhikary**

* 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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