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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 - **1 Mekliganj (SC)**
(2) Name of the Candidate - **Paresh Chandra Adhikary**

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1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences alleged under Sections: Sections 420, 467, 468, 471 & 477A read with Sections 120B, 201 and 109 Indian Penal Code, 1860.
	b.	Case No.	Special Case No. 04 of 2025 arising out of RC Case No. 04 of 2022.
	c.	Name of the Court	1 st Special Judge(CBI) at Alipore
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes, charges framed on 11-09-2025
	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)		
	He is known for his deep connection with the people of Mekhliganj in Cooch Behar district. Renowned for his accessibility and grassroots engagement, he has cultivated a reputation as a leader who prioritizes local concerns and community welfare. His approachability and consistent presence among constituents reflect a commitment to responsive governance and active public service.		

3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The decision to select his candidature reflects a strategic balance between electability, effective representation, and the capacity to respond to constituents' needs, ensuring that he can meaningfully serve and connect with the community.
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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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