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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 - **67 Burwan (SC)**
- (2) Name of the Candidate - **Protima Rajak**

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1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Offences alleged under Sections: 147/148/149/325/307 IPC, 1860 & 3/4 Essential Commodities Act and Sections 25/27 Arms Act
	b.	Case No.	GR No. 1787/16 arising out of Burwan P.S. Case No. 343 of 2016 dated 15.09.2016
	c.	Name of the Court	Ld. ACJM at Kandi, Murshidabad
	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)		She has established herself as a credible and impactful political representative from the constituency, which is reserved for the Scheduled Caste community and she has been elected twice to the Legislative Assembly. Her educational grounding as a BA graduate from the University of Kolkata have contributed to her understanding of social welfare and grassroots issues. Over consecutive terms, Rajak demonstrated dedication to public service and constituency development, making her a merit-based and well-qualified candidate

		with proven acceptance among voters.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	She has been an active legislator in her previous tenure in the Legislative Assembly and has significantly contributed in the Assembly and the various Assembly committee meetings. Her repeated electoral victories and the fact that she is a female apart from being a Scheduled Caste member has resulted in people from the marginalized communities looking up to her as a symbol of hope and progress.

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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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