

(for political parties to publish in the newspaper, social media platforms & website of the party)

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 © no. 2192 of 2018 in W.P.(C) No. 536/2011)

Name of the Political Party: BIJU JANATA DAL

Name of the Election: GENERAL ELECTIONS TO THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ODISHA -2024

Name of the State: ODISHA

(1) Name of the Constituency - 67 - PATNAGARH AC

Name of the Candidate – SHRI SAROJ KUMAR MEHER

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal Antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the Offence	i. Non bailable ii. Non bailable
	b.	Case No.	i. Spl. GR 13/2019 ii. 1CC No. 14/2019
	c.	Name of the Court	i. ASJ - cum-Special Court, Bhubaneswar ii. SDJM, Patnagarh
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	i. Yes ii. Yes
	e.	Date of Conviction, if any	i. N.A. ii. N.A.
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	N.A.
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Both the cases mentioned above are pending for trial
2.	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidates and not mere "winnability" at the polls (Not more than 100 words)		The candidate is a social worker of Repute and has always worked for the welfare of the downtrodden. Earlier elected as Member of Legislative Assembly to the State of Odisha by defeating the then sitting MLA and hence having his repute and popularity amongst the people of his constituency.

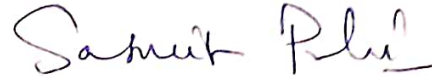
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	In consideration of his above merits, his selection as a candidate to the Odisha State Assembly is more justified than other individuals without criminal antecedents.
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* 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: **DR. SASMIT PATRA**

GENERAL SECRETARY.

General Secretary

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Bhubaneswar

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