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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

Name of Political Party: Indian National Congress
Name of Election: State Assembly Election-2026.
Name of State/UT: Assam
Name of the candidate Abhijit Paul

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1	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences Unlawful Assembly, Negligent act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life, Malignant act likely to spread infection of disease dangerous to life, Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant
	b.	Case no. PRC No. 549/2021
	c.	Name of the Court Civil Judge Jr. Division No.3, Cachar
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) YES
	e.	Date of conviction, if any NA
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any NA
	g.	Any other information required to be given This case was registered by the Police for holding a Dharna/ Rally against Price Rise during the COVID-19 Pandemic period.
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 has been selected by the party based on the following reasons: 1. His social service and contribution to the constituency. 2. The party believes that the candidate is suitable to represent the constituency. 3. He has lot of contribution in strengthening Grassroot organization.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	1. The social and political popularity is much higher than those not selected. 2. No other candidate found suitable for the candidature. This person has popularity in ground level and also public demand. He has grassroots connection and lots of knowledge about different problem of the constituency. For larger interest of the constituency he has been selected as 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: **Pradyut Kumar Bhuyan, General Secretary (Admin), Assam Pradesh Congress Committee**