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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: Sri Dhruba Gogoi

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1	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	The allegations relate to participation in protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), where it was alleged that Dhruba Gogoi attended a meeting in front of MP Rameswar Teli's residence and was associated with protestors who were involved in damaging public and private property. The offences primarily pertain to unlawful assembly, protest-related activities, and alleged damage to public and private property during the agitation.
b.	Case no.	CID P.S 30/19
c.	Name of the Court	Case Under Investigation
d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	No
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NA
g.	Any other information required to be given	NA
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 is a well educated and experienced person.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	In the 2021 Legislative Assembly election, Dhruba Gogol contested as a candidate and secured 46,652 votes, while the winning candidate received 54,762 votes. The margin of defeat was only 8,110 votes, which was one of the lowest defeat margins within the entire Lok Sabha constituency. Considering his strong electoral performance and established support base among voters, the party considered him a competitive candidate for the upcoming election. Therefore, other individuals without criminal antecedents were not selected as candidates.

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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),
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