

(for political parties to publish in the newspapers ,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(C) no. 2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no. 536 of 2011).

Name of Political Party: **BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**
 Name of the Election: **Legislative Assembly Bye-election - 2024**
 Name of State: **CHHATTISGARH**

(1) Name of the Constituency – **RAIPUR SOUTH**

Name of the candidate – **Shri Sunil Kumar Soni**

S. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
a.	Nature of the offences	1. IPC 147,148,149,427,294,448
b.	Case no.	1. C.R.R. 453/2019 dated: 04.10.2023
c.	Name of the Court	1. Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur
d.	Whether charges have been Framed or not (Yes/No)	The Judicial Magistrate First Class, Raipur imposed a fine along with punishment till the court is adjourned for the day. The complainant appealed against the above order on which Upper Sessions Judge, Raipur acquitted Sri Sunil Kumar Soni of the offences. The complainant then filed a review petition in the honorable High court of Chhattisgarh on aforesaid acquittal. The case is pending before the honorable High court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur.
e.	Date of conviction, if any	NA
f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	Rs. 1000/- Fine charged for each offence under IPC 147,148,149,427,294,448 along with punishment till the court is adjourned for the day and under IPC 294 a fine of Rs 800 along with punishment till the court is adjourned for the day.
g.	Any other information Required to be given	The case is pending before the honorable High court of Chhattisgarh, Bilaspur
2.	The reason 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 100words)	Sri Sunil Kumar Soni is highly dedicated politician and social worker who devoted his complete life for the benefit of common man and society at large. He is having immense public support won Loksaha elections which is result of his dedicated social work towards public of Chhattisgarh and now it appears appropriate to afford him responsibility of Member of State Legislative Assembly. No other candidate appears more appropriate as compared to him for better representation of people of Raipur South.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The criminal allegations against Sri Sunil Kumar Soni are raise with ulterior motives by the complainants and political opponents to defame his reputations moreover Sri Sunil Kumar Soni is highly dedicated politician and social worker who devoted his complete life for the benefit of common man and society at large and carries an immense public support as a result of his dedicated social work towards public of Chhattisgarh more particularly, Raipur South. No other candidate appears more appropriate as compared to him for better representation of people of Raipur South.

* 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.



(STATE OFFICE, BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY-CHHATTISGARH)
 (Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)