

(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 : GENERAL ELECTIONS TO GUJARAT STATE ASSEMBLY

Name of State/ UT: GUJARAT

(1) Name of the Constituency - 44-ELLIS BRIDGE, GUJARAT

Name of the candidate - SHRI AMIT POPATLAL SHAH

Sl. No.		
1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences PROTEST AGAINST MEGHA PATKAR AT SABARMATI ASHRAM. SECTION 143, 147, 323, 341, 504, 506 AND 114 OF IPC
	b.	Case no. 1048/2005
	c.	Name of the Court COURT NO. 21, AHMEDABAD METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE COURT, GHEEKANTA, AHMEDABAD
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) YES
	e.	Date of conviction, if any NO
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any NOT UNDERGONE
	g.	Any other information required to be given
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 SELECTED CANDIDATE IS A VERY SENIOR SINCERE AND DEDICATED PARTY WORKER WHO HAS ALREADY BEEN ON VARIOUS IMPORTANT POSITIONS AS ELECTED MEMBER OF AMC	
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words) AS A SENIOR PARTY WORKER HE HAD AN EDGE OVER OTHER INDIVIDUALS CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT WHATEVER CHARGES ARE ALLEGED IN THE CHARGE SHEET HAVE NO SUBSTANCE AND ARE PURELY WITH A VINDICTIVE APPROACH AND PERSONAL VENDETTA BEING WAGED BY HIS POLITICAL ENEMIES. THE CASE IS LONG PENDING AND PARTY BELIEVES THAT THERE WILL BE NO ADVERSE OUTCOME AGAINST THE ALLEGED ACCUSED.	

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