

**Format C-7**

(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: Janata Dal (United)**

**\*Name of the Election: Bihar Legislative Assembly 2025**

**Name of State/UT: Bihar**

(1) Name of the Constituency- **131, Kalyanpur**

Name of the candidate- **Mr. Maheshwar Hazari**

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1.	Criminal antecedents	
	a.	Nature of the offences 1. 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act (the dishonour of a cheque) bailable, compoundable, and non-cognizable 2. 138 of Negotiable Instrument Act (the dishonour of a cheque) bailable, compoundable, and non-cognizable
	b.	Case no. 1. Complaint Case No. 928/2022 2. Complaint Case No. 962/2022
	c.	Name of the Court 1. ACJM 2 Rosera Civil Court. 2. ACJM 2 Rosera Civil Court.
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No) 1. No 2. No
	e.	Date of conviction, if any 1. Case pending 2. Case pending
	f.	Details of punishment undergone if any 1. N/A 2. N/A
	g.	Any other information required to be given 1. Criminal Miscellaneous, has been filed against cognisance order bearing No. 45/2019, 2. Criminal Revision No. 155/2023 is pending before ADJ4 Samastipur against cognisance order.
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) Maheshwar Hazari is an incumbent MLA and a minister holding Information & Public relations portfolio. He was Dy. Speaker of the Bihar Assembly, elected to the Bihar Assembly four times and once to the Lok Sabha. He has previously served as the Minister for Industry, Building Construction, Planning, Urban Development & Housing. Work relating to Patna Metro and New Patna Map Plan during his tenure of the concerned departments is highly appreciated. He has emerged as a mass leader of the deprived classes because of his tireless work to the cause. Party workers had unanimously recommended his candidature and he was party's natural choice.	
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words) Overwhelming majority of the party workers were of the opinion that Mr. Maheshwar Hazari is the best choice among the aspirants who had applied for the ticket from this constituency.	

(2) Name of the Constituency- **131, Kalyanpur (SC) A.C.**, Name of the candidate-

**Mr. Maheshwar Hazari** ..... and so on

\* 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.

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