

*(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 : INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS  
\*Name of the Election : GENERAL ELECTION TO LOKSABHA 2024  
Name of State/ ॡ: GUJARAT

(1) Name of the Constituency - 13 - JUNAGADH

Name of the candidate - HIRABHAI ARJANBHAI JOTVA

Sl. No.			
1.	Criminal antecedents		
	a.	Nature of the offences	1. IPC 506(2) - FIR No. II/14/2018 – Veraval Po.Sta. 2. IPC 143, 149, 323, 452, 506(2), PP 3(2)e Toll Tax Agitation FIR No. I/62/2015 - Prabhas Patan Po.Sta.
	b.	Case no.	1. 17/2019 2. 1044/2015
	c.	Name of the Court	1. 8 - C.J.M. Veraval 2. 8 - C.J.M. Veraval
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	1. Case No. 17/2019 - Yes 2. Case No. 1044/2015 - Yes
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	Both cases are pending in court
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)		Candidate is a very popular and demanded by the workers / voters.
3.	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		Workers had not suggested any other name.

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**SHAKTISINH GOHIL**

**(PRESIDENT, GUJARAT PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE-GUJARAT)**

(Signature of office bearer of the Political Party)