

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF MANIPUR
AT IMPHAL**

MC(Crl.Appeal) No. 47 of 2025

Leishangthem Khomei Singh, aged about 48 years, S/o (L) L. Bidhu Singh of Haraorou Mayai Leikai, P.O. Imphal, P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur.

...Applicant / Appellant

-Vrs.-

The State of Manipur, represented by the Chief of Secretary/Secretary (Home), Government of Manipur, Babupara, Old Secretariat South Block, P.O. & P.S. Imphal, Imphal West District, Pin No. – 795001.

...Respondent /s

-B E F O R E-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHANTHEM BIMOL SINGH

For the **Applicant / Appellant** :: Ms. Ronita Yumnam, Advocate

For the **Respondents** :: Mr. Y. Ashang, PP
Mrs. RK Emily, Dy. GA

Date of **Hearing** :: 19-06-2026

Date of **Order** :: 19-06-2026

O R D E R (O R A L)

Heard Ms. Ronita Yumnam, learned counsel appearing for the applicant and Mr. Y. Ashang, learned senior counsel & PP assisted by Mrs. RK Emily, learned Dy. GA appearing for the respondents.

[2] The present application has been filed with a prayer for condoning the delay of 1025 days in filing the connected Cril.Appeal.

[3] It is the case of the applicant that the applicant was convicted u/s 6 of the POCSO Act on 18-10-2022 for the offence of committing aggravated penetrative sexual assault on a minor girl and he was sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for 14 years and a fine of Rs. 5,000/- (Rupees Five thousand).

[4] After his conviction and sentence, the applicant remains in custody without any help either from the family members and from his relatives. It is also the case of the applicant that the applicant could not file Criminal Appeal against the judgment and order and sentence convicting him for the offence mentioned above. Only when a team of High Court Legal Services Committee visited the Central Jail, Sajiwa, Imphal East, he was apprised that he can apply for legal aid services and to apply for filing appeal against the conviction and sentence and on receiving such an advice, he applied for legal Aid service. Thereafter, the High Court Legal Services Committee provided a legal aid counsel and he is able to approach this Court by filing the accompanying

appeal against his conviction and sentence. The present application has been filed for condoning the delay.

[5] Mr. Y. Ashang, learned senior counsel & PP assisted by Mrs. RK Emily, learned Dy. GA appearing for the respondents fairly submitted that in view of the circumstances as stated by the petitioner in the present application, he fairly submitted that he has no objection in allowing the present condonation application and to hear the connected CrI. Appeal on merit.

[6] Taking into consideration the circumstances of the applicant and the ground stated herein, this Court is satisfied that it will be in the interest of justice to condone the delay of 1025 days in filing the accompanying Cril. Appeal and to hear the said appeal on merit. Accordingly, the delay of 1025 days in filing the Cril.Appeal is hereby condoned. Misc. Case stands disposed of. Registry is directed to number the accompanying appeal and to list it for admission hearing if the same is otherwise found to be in order.

JUDGE

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