



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

MC(GCA) No. 4 of 2025

The State of Manipur represented by the Commissioner (Home), Government of Manipur, Civil Secretariat, South Block, 1st Floor, Room No. 69, P.O. Mantripukhri, P.S. Heingang, Imphal East District, Manipur – 795002.

...Applicant

- Versus -

Thingujam Ramesh Singh @ Alex @ Pinky, aged about 31 years, S/o Th. Sobha Singh, a resident of Torbung Bangla Ward No. 6, at present Takmu Water Sports Complex Relief Camp, Laisoi, Thanga, Moirang, Bishnupur District, Pin – 795133.

...Respondent

B E F O R E

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. M. SUNDAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. GUNESHWAR SHARMA**

For the applicant : Mr. W. Niranjit Singh, State Counsel
Date of order : **08-09-2026**

(ORDER)

(Order of the Court was made by M. Sundar, CJ)

[1] Captioned MC (Miscellaneous Case) has been filed with a Condonation of Delay (CoD) prayer *qua* 92 days delay in filing a statutory appeal under Section 21 of the 'National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 (34 of 2008)' ('NIA Act' for the sake of brevity) being appeal filed vide CNR: MNHC010031652025, EFiling No.: AMN20230000116C202500 050, Filing No.: GCA/427/2025, filed on 17-11-2025.

[2] Afore-referred statutory appeal has been filed by State assailing an 'order dated 17-07-2025 made by the Court of Special Judge (NIA),

Bishnupur, Manipur (trial court) *vide* FIR Case No. 41(7)2025 MRG P.S. u/s 17/20 UA(P) Act' ('impugned order' for the sake of convenience and clarity).

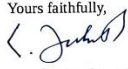
[3] In and *vide* afore-referred impugned order, the trial court has granted bail to the respondent on condition of Rs. 20,000/- surety.

[4] There is no dispute that the bail condition has been complied with and that the respondent is cooperating with the investigation. In this regard, a communication dated 03-08-2026 bearing reference No. M/No.253/SDPO-MRG/2026 from Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Moirang to Superintendent of Police, Bishnupur District, Manipur placed before us is relevant and a scanned reproduction of the same is as follows:—

		M/No.253/SDPO-MRG/2026 Dated: 03/08/2026.
To The Superintendent of Police, Bishnupur District, Manipur.		
Subject: Submission of latest status report along with the required information. Ref.: FIR No. 41(7) 2025 MRG-PS U/S 17/ 20 UA(P) Act .		
Sir: With reference endst. No. C-5/66/SP-BPR/2026/8177 dated 31st July,2026, I am submitting herewith the following required report on the following queries for your kind perusal and further necessary action.		
(i) The latest Status of the FIR case	(ii)Whether charge-sheet has been filed if yes, copy of the same be furnished and date of filing the Charge Sheet before the Ld. Trial Court a	(iii)Whether the accused is still co-operating with the investigation
(1)	(2)	(3)
The latest status of the FIR Case enclosed herewith as Annexure "A"	The case is currently pending for further investigation.	The accused is still co-operating with the investigation.

Encl: - As above,

Dated: 3rd August 2026.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. L. Jeebit Singh), MPS,
Sub-Divisional Police Officer, Moirang.
Bishnupur District, Manipur.
(the I.O. of the case)
Sub-Divisional Police Officer
Moirang
Bishnupur District, Manipur

[5] Adverting to earlier proceedings, learned State counsel submits that the question as to whether delay beyond 90 days *qua* statutory appeal under Section 21 of NIA Act can be condoned, that too in an appeal filed by State continues to be *res integra*. Learned counsel submits that as regards SLP (Crl.) No. 3968-3974/2025, the same has been disposed of by Hon'ble Supreme Court in and *vide* an order dated 15-07-2026 making it clear that it is not going into the question of condonation of delay in that case (*Jagtar Singh Johal @ Jaggi versus National Investigation Agency*).

[6] As the respondent is admittedly cooperating with investigation after having complied with the bail condition, all that the learned State counsel projects is, the bail condition *vide* impugned order is very light and it may be necessary to approach the Trial Court with a prayer to increase the rigour of bail condition and/or add conditions. It is open to State to do so, if so advised and if so desired or if there is change of circumstances and if such a scenario unfurls, the trial court will decide such a prayer on its own merits and in accordance with law untrammelled by instant order but after putting the respondent on notice, to be noted putting the respondent on notice and giving an opportunity to the respondent is imperative as closure to captioned MC is being given before issue of notice to respondent. Though obvious, we make it clear that if such a scenario unfurls, all the rights and contentions of the respondent will stand preserved.

[7] In the light of the narration thus far, captioned MC is given a

closure without either dismissing the COD prayer or allowing the same.

[8] Captioned MC is disposed of as closed *albeit* with preservation of rights and observations as above. There shall be no order as to costs.

JUDGE

CHIEF JUSTICE

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