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Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 11 of 2026

Date of Decision: 11.02.2026

Shri. Sushanto Hajong (in Jail)
 S/o Shri. Sontush Hajong
 R/o Panchering B, Ranikor,
 South West Khasi Hills,
 Meghalaya.

..... **Applicant**

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya through
 Superintendent of Police,
 South West Khasi Hills,
 Meghalaya.

..... **Respondent**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Ms. S. Nongsiej, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. A.S. Dey, GA.
 Mr. A.H. Kharwanlang, Addl. PP.

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| i) | Whether approved for reporting in
Law journals etc.: | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether approved for publication
in press: | Yes/No |



Per W. Diengdoh, (J):

JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. Heard Ms. S. Nongsiej, learned counsel for the applicant, who has submitted that the applicant has filed an appeal before this Court, assailing the impugned judgment and order of sentence dated 26.11.2025 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat in Special (POCSO) Case No. 17 of 2021 under Section 5(j)(ii)/6 of the POCSO Act, wherein he was directed to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a term of 10 years with fine of ₹ 15,000/- (Rupees fifteen thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo simple imprisonment for 2(two) months.

2. However, while preferring the said appeal, a delay of 15 days has occurred, the reason being that the parents of the applicant are not well-versed in law or is not made aware of his right to file appeal, and as such, for such ignorance, the delay has accrued. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mr. A.S. Dey, learned GA appearing for the State respondent has no objection to the prayer made.

4. On consideration of the submission made, we are persuaded to allow this application on being satisfied that the grounds cited for the delay contain



sufficient cause. Accordingly, the delay of 15 days in preferring the appeal is hereby condoned.

5. Registry is directed to diarize the appeal and list it for admission after 1(one) week.

6. Misc. Case disposed of.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge