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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 21 of 2026

Date of Decision: 09.03.2026

Shri. Sambor Sawkmie,
Aged about 25 years,
S/o (L) Kyier Khyllait,
R/o Nongkyndong Umiapwar Village,
PS: Umiam, Ri-Bhoi District,
Meghalaya.
Partly serving sentence in District
Correctional and Detention Centre,
Ri-Bhoi, Nongpoh.

..... **Applicant/Convict**

-Vs-

The State of Meghalaya
Represented by Chief Secretary
Government of Meghalaya.

..... **Respondent**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. S.P. Mahanta, LAC with
Ms. S. Chettri, Adv.

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

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 Mr. S.P. Mahanta, learned Sr. counsel, who is also the Legal Aid Counsel in this matter, assisted by Ms. S. Chettri, learned counsel for the applicant, who has submitted that the applicant has preferred an appeal before this Court against the impugned judgment dated 12.08.2024 and related order of sentence dated 13.08.2024 passed by the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh in Sessions Case No. 3 of 2022, wherein, he was directed to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 10 years with fine of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only for an offence punishable under Section 376(1) IPC.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 503 days has occurred, the reason being that the applicant is an illiterate person, and has no means to engage a counsel. Thereafter, a Legal Aid Counsel was provided to him, and eventually, the appeal was prepared by the Legal Aid Counsel. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mr. S. Sengupta, learned Addl. PP appearing for the State respondent has no objection to the admission of the appeal.



4. On consideration of the submission made, we find that there are good grounds for the appeal to be heard on merits. Accordingly, the delay of 503 days in preferring the appeal is hereby condoned.
5. Registry is directed to diarize the appeal and list it for admission on 16.03.2026.
6. Misc. Case disposed of.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge