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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 24 of 2026

Date of Decision: 23.03.2026

Shri. Donboklang Lyngkhoi,
Son of Shri. Bailo Nongsiej,
Resident of Umnet Village,
P.S: Nongpoh, District, Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya.

Presently lodged in District Prison &
Correctional Home, Ri-Bhoi District,
Nongpoh.

..... Applicant

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya through
Public Prosecutor

..... Opposite Party/
Respondent

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. S.D. Upadhaya, Legal Aid Counsel.
Ms. A. Synrem, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. H. Kharmih, Addl. PP with
Mr. R. Gurung, GA.

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.D. Upadhaya, learned Legal Aid Counsel, who has submitted that the accused/applicant has filed an appeal before this Court, being aggrieved by the impugned judgment of conviction dated 26.07.2023 and related order of sentence dated 31.07.2023 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh in POCSO Case No. 52 of 2015.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 884 days has occurred, the reason being that the accused/applicant is economically backward and illiterate, and a Legal Aid Counsel has been appointed to appear on his behalf. In the meantime, when the application is in the process of completing all steps for filing an appeal, the delay has accrued. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mr. H. Kharmih, learned Addl. PP along with Mr. R. Gurung, learned GA appearing for the State respondent has no objection to the prayer for condonation of the delay.

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 884 days in preferring the appeal is hereby condoned.

5. Registry is directed to diarize the appeal and list it for admission on 01.04.2026.

6. Misc. Case disposed of.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge