



**Serial No. 06**  
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**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA**  
**AT SHILLONG**

Crl.M.C.No.43 of 2026

Date of Order: 01.04.2026

Shri. Rifull Sutnga, Aged about 31 years  
Son of (L) Cho Lamare  
Resident of Daisrong Village,  
P.S. Saipung, East Jaintia Hills, District

.....Applicant

**-VERSUS-**

State of Meghalaya represented by  
The Commissioner & Secretary to the  
Department of Home (Police)  
Government of Meghalaya, Shillong-793001

.....Respondent

**Coram:**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge**

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge**

**Appearance:**

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Ms. E. Gurung, Legal Aid Counsel

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. R. Gurung, GA

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



**Per W. Diengdoh, (J):**

**JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)**

1. Heard Ms. E. Gurung, learned counsel, who has submitted that the applicant has preferred an appeal before this Court, against the impugned judgment and order dated 12.04.2024 passed by the Court of learned Special Judge (POCSO), East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat in Special POCSO Case No.60 of 2020.
2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 649 days has occurred, the reason being that the counsel for the applicant received the papers/documents regarding the instant accused person after the prescribed period of limitation. It is therefore, prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.
3. Mr. R. Gurung, learned GA appearing for the State-respondent has no objection to the prayer for condonation of 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 649 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**

Meghalaya  
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