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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

CrI.M.C. No. 63 of 2026

Date of Decision: 22.04.2026

Shri. Rongjeng Ch. Marak,
S/o (L) Jangchang B. Sangma,
R/o Ampanggre, Asakgre,
P.S Dadenggre, West Garo Hills District,
Meghalaya.

..... Applicant/Appellant

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya represented by the
Public Prosecutor.

..... Respondent

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Mr. A. Dey, Legal Aid Counsel.

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

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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 Mr. A. Dey, learned Legal Aid Counsel for the applicant, who



has submitted that the applicant has preferred an appeal before this Court against the impugned judgment dated 15.02.2018 and related order of sentence dated 16.02.2018 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), Tura in Sessions Case (POCSO) No. 33 of 2015, wherein, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 10(ten) years with fine of ₹ 20,000/- (Rupees twenty thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo an additional imprisonment of 1(one) year for the offence punishable under Section 4 of the POCSO Act and to undergo imprisonment for a period of 3(three) years for the offence under Section 506 Part-II of the IPC.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 2922 days has occurred, due to the fact that after the pronouncement of the said impugned judgment dated 15.02.2018 and related order of sentence dated 16.02.2018, the applicant was immediately forwarded to the District Prison and Correctional Services, Tura, as a result of which, he lost all formal communication with his family members. As such, he could not prefer an appeal within the prescribed period of limitation. Thereafter, legal aid was sought for, and accordingly, this application was processed through Legal Aid Counsel. 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 the delay.

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 2922 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