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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C./260/2026

Date of Decision: 04-11-2026
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Shri. Stam Surong,
S/o (L) Lo Chadap,
R/o Mukhla Nongrim Village,
West Jaintia Hills District,
Meghalaya.

…… **Applicant(s)**

-Vs-

1. The State of Meghalaya, represented by
The Public Prosecutor/Special Public
Prosecutor.

2. The Officer-in-Charge,
Ummulong Beat House,
West Jaintia Hills District,
Meghalaya.

……. **Respondent(s)**

Coram:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE W. DIENGDOH, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. BHATTACHARJEE, JUDGE

Appearance:		
For the Petitioner/Applicant(s)	:	Ms. I.M. Lyngdoh, LAC.
For the Respondent(s)	:	Ms. I. Lyngwa, Addl. PP vice Mrs. N.G. Shylla, 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 (ORAL):

1. Heard Ms. I.M. Lyngdoh, learned Legal Aid Counsel for the applicant, who has submitted that the applicant has preferred an appeal before this Court against the impugned judgment and related order of sentence dated 04.02.2026 passed by the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai in Sessions Case No. 37 of 2015, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life with fine of ₹ 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only, and in default of payment of fine, to undergo further simple imprisonment of 2(two) months for an offence punishable under Section 302 IPC.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 194 days has occurred, since the applicant was not in a position to engage a private counsel. As such, due to circumstances which is beyond the control of the applicant, he could not prefer an appeal within the prescribed period of limitation. It was only when a legal aid was accorded to him that the related appeal has been filed. This being the case, the learned Legal Aid Counsel prays that this Court may be pleased to condone the delay in filing the related appeal.

3. Ms. I. Lyngwa, learned Addl. PP 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 194 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
04-11-2026
"D. Nary, PS"

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