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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 279 of 2026

Date of Decision: 11-11-2026
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Shri. Pormi Pala, 34 years
Son of (L) Shri. Bling Tang
Resident of Moolamylliang, Dong Shnong
Khliehriat, District East Jaintia Hills,
Meghalaya.

…… **Petitioner(s)**

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya
Represented by its Secretary
Home (Police) Department,
Meghalaya.

…… **Opposite Party(s)**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Applicant(s) : Ms. D. Pohsnem, Adv. vice
Mr. M.F. Qureshi, LAC.

For the Respondent(s) : Mrs. T. Yangi. B, AAG with
Mr. S.A. Sheikh, Assistant 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 (ORAL):

1. Heard Ms. D. Pohsnem, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. M.F. Qureshi, 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 04.07.2022 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge, (POCSO), East Jaintia Hills District, Khliehriat in POCSO Case No. 27 of 2021, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 20(twenty) years with fine of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo further simple imprisonment of 1(one) month for an offence punishable under Section 375(a)/376AB IPC read with Section 3(a)/4/5(m)/6 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 1526 days has occurred on the ground that his family members did not come forward to assist him to file an appeal as they were not having sufficient means to engage a private counsel. As such, due to circumstances which is beyond the control the applicant, 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. Mrs. T. Yangi. B, learned AAG assisted by Mr. S.A. Sheikh, learned Assistant 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 1526 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
11-11-2026
"D. Nary, PS"

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