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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 281 of 2026

Date of Decision: 11-11-2026
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Shri. Kranet Thabah, 37 years
Son of Shri. Triamly Lyngdoh
Resident of Rngisawlia Village
Nongstoin
District West Khasi 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) : 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 12.01.2021 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge, (POCSO), West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin in POCSO Case No. 12 of 2019, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo life imprisonment with fine of ₹ 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand) only, for an offence punishable under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 2064 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. 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 2064 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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