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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 285 of 2026

Date of Decision: 17-11-2026
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Shri. Raju Koch,
Son of Shri. Sangkar Koch,
Aged about 36
Resident of Village Sankarpara,
P.O. Haldibari, P.S. Tura, West Garo
Hills, Meghalaya.

…… **Applicant(s)**

- Vs -

1. State of Meghalaya represented by
The Secretary Home (Police)
Department, Government of Meghalaya,
Shillong.

2. The Officer-in-Charge,
Tura Police Station, Tura,
West Garo Hills District,
Meghalaya.

…… **Respondent(s)**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. S.K. Hassan, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. O.A.I. Bang, GA.

i) Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.: Yes/No

ii) Whether approved for publication in press: Yes/No

JUDGMENT (ORAL):

1. Heard Mr. S.K. Hassan, learned counsel for the applicant, who has submitted that the applicant has filed an appeal before this Court, being aggrieved and dissatisfied by the impugned judgment and related order of sentence dated 28.08.2026 passed by the Court of the learned District & Sessions Judge, West Garo Hills, Tura in Sessions Case No. 12 of 2018, whereby, he was convicted and directed to undergo imprisonment for a period of 3(three) years without fine for an offence punishable under Section 304 Part II IPC.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 16 days has occurred, on the ground that the applicant and his family members come from a rustic village with limited knowledge and lacking financial resources, is not aware of his legal rights to file an appeal or to procure the funds to engage a 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 is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Ms. O.A.I. Bang, 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, this Court is inclined to

allow this application on being satisfied that the grounds cited for the delay contain sufficient cause. Accordingly, the delay of 16 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.

Judge

Meghalaya
17-11-2026
"D. Nary, PS"

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