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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 287 of 2026

Date of Decision: 25-11-2026
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Shri. Dawanbiang Langstang,
S/o Priang Village, Umdeingling
Village P.S. Jowai,
West Jaintia Hills District,
Meghalaya.

…… **Applicant(s)**

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya through the
Superintendent of Police, Jowai,
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. S. Nongsiej, LAC.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. N.D. Chullai, AAG with
Mr. E.R. Chyne, 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. S. Nongsiej, 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 11.12.2023 and related order of sentence dated 15.12.2023 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge, (POCSO), West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai, in Special (POCSO) Case No. 40 of 2019, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo imprisonment for life with fine of ₹ 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo further simple imprisonment of 1(one) month for the offence punishable under Section 302 IPC and under Section 4 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 1012 days has occurred, due to circumstances which is beyond the control of the applicant/convict, since he belongs to the below poverty line working as a daily labourer, and his family members are also not aware of his legal rights to file appeal or to engage a private counsel. As such, 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. Mr. N.D. Chullai, learned AAG assisted by Mr. E.R. Chyne, 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 1012 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

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