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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 290 of 2026

Date of Decision: 25-11-2026
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Shri. Mebanrilang Syiem Shangoi
Aged about 22 years,
S/o Shri. Tiksar Wahlang,
R/o Umsaw Mawlangsu,
P.S. Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District,
Meghalaya.
Presently serving his sentence at District
Prison & Correctional Services, Shillong.

…….. **Applicant(s)**

-Vs-

State of Meghalaya represented by the
Public Prosecutor, Government of 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. B.L. Lyngkhoi, Adv. vice
Mr. P. Yobin, LAC.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl. 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. B.L. Lyngkhoi, learned counsel appearing on behalf of Mr. P. Yobin, 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 19.03.2024 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge, (POCSO), West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin, in Special (POCSO) Case No. 23 of 2023, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 20(twenty) years with fine of ₹ 50,000/- (Rupees fifty thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo further simple imprisonment of 3(three) months for an offence punishable under Section 6 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 914 days has occurred, on the ground that consent was communicated to the HCLSC on 26.06.2026 and the Legal Aid Counsel was endorsed with the file only on 06.07.2026. On this ground, the learned counsel submits that the appeal could not be filed within the prescribed period of limitation. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mr. S. Sengupta, 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 914 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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