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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 291 of 2026

Date of Decision: 26-11-2026
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Shri. Amingroi Sanglein,
Aged about 58 years old
S/o (L) Shri. Khisorai Paliar
Village: Umpung Village,
P.O/P.S. Ranikor.
District: South West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya.
(Presently Serving sentence at Shillong
District Jail).

…… **Applicant(s)**

- Vs -

1. State of Meghalaya (represented by
Chief Secretary of Meghalaya).

…… **Respondent(s)**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Ms. B.L. Lyngkhoi, Adv. vice
Mr. P. Yobin, LAC.

For the Respondent(s) : Ms. I. Lyngwa, Addl. PP.

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

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

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 filed an appeal before this Court, being aggrieved and dissatisfied by the impugned judgment and related order of sentence dated 24.01.2024 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), South West Khasi Hills District, Mawkyrwat in Special POCSO Case No. 12 of 2021, whereby, he was convicted and directed to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 5(five) years with fine of ₹ 5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo simple imprisonment of 1(one) week for an offence punishable under Section 10 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 969 days has occurred, on the ground that consent was communicated to the Legal Services Committee on 27.06.2024, and on 18.03.2025, the matter was assigned to Shri. R.H. Alice, learned LAC, however, due to certain medical conditions, the matter could not be filed. Similarly, on 09.10.2026, the documents were handed over to the counsel by the HCLSC for scrutinizing/verifying, and on 06.11.2026, the memorandum of appeal along with other miscellaneous application was send for signature through the Legal Services Committee. 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. Ms. I. Lyngwa, 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, 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 969 days in preferring the appeal is hereby condoned.

5. Registry is directed to diarize the appeal and list it for admission after 3(three) weeks.

6. Misc. Case disposed of.

Judge

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