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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 295 of 2026

Date of Decision: 26-11-2026
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Shri. Sanjay Kumar Thakur,
Son of Shri. Vindeshwar Thakur
Resident of Upper New Nongstoin BL – II,
West Khasi Hills, Meghalaya,
Permanent Add – Simri Halbapatti
District – Buxar, Bihar.

…… **Appellant/Accused(s)**

- Vs -

The State of Meghalaya through the
Public Prosecutor, Shillong, Meghalaya.

…… **Respondent(s)**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Ms. D.M. Warjri, LAC.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. H. Kharmih, Addl. PP with
Ms. S. Shyam, Assistant 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. D.M. Warjri, 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 dated 20.06.2025 and related order of sentence dated 30.06.2025 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin in Special (POCSO) Case No. 32 of 2022, whereby, he was convicted and directed to undergo simple imprisonment for a period of 3(three) years with fine of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo further simple imprisonment of 6(six) months for an offence punishable under Section 7/8 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 447 days has occurred on the ground that the applicant and his family members come from a poor background with financial inability to engage a private counsel. 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. H. Kharmih, learned Addl. PP assisted by Ms. S. Shyam, 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, 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 447 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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