

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.A. No. 16 of 2026

Date of Order: 01.04.2026

Shri. Donboklang Lyngkhoi	Vs.	State of Meghalaya
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Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. S.D. Upadhaya, Legal Aid Counsel.
Ms. A. Synrem, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. H. Kharmih, Addl. PP.
Mr. S. Sengupta, Addl. PP.

Heard Mr. S.D. Upadhaya, learned Legal Aid Counsel for the appellant, who has submitted that the appellant, being aggrieved by the impugned judgment of conviction dated 26.07.2023 and related order of sentence dated 31.07.2023 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh in POCSO Case No. 52 of 2015, by which the appellant herein was convicted and made to suffer imprisonment for life along with fine, has approached this Court with this instant appeal. It is also submitted that there are good grounds for preferring of this appeal, and accordingly, the same may be admitted.

It is the further submission of the learned Legal Aid Counsel that similar matter is also pending before this Court filed by another convict, who was also convicted in connection with the case therein, and has preferred an

appeal before this Court. As such, for convenience's sake, he prays that certified copy of the judgment which is required to be annexed with the memo of appeal may be exempted from filing, since the same has already been filed in the said related appeal.

We have heard the submission of the learned Legal Aid Counsel, and we are not convinced with the prayer made as far as filing of the certified copy is concerned, inasmuch as, procedure does not permit the same.

Be that as it may, since we are convinced that the appeal has to be heard on merits, accordingly, the same is hereby admitted.

The Trial Court records are not necessary to be called for, since they are already before this Court in the said related appeal. However, the appellant is directed to file the certified copy of the judgment within the next date fixed.

As prayed for, list this matter after 3(three) weeks.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

Meghalaya
01.04.2026
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