

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.Petn. No. 44 of 2025

Date of order: 20.03.2026

Phrangbatnam Kharkongor & anr vs State of Meghalaya & anr

Coram:

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Revati Mohite Dere, Chief Justice

Appearance:

For the Petitioners : Mr K. Ch. Gautam, Adv.

For the Respondents : Mrs T. Yangi B., AAG with
Ms S. Kh. Nongrum, GA

This is a petition seeking quashing of the proceeding under the POCSO Act with the consent of the parties i.e., the petitioner No. 1 and the petitioner No. 2.

2. The petitioner No. 1 is the accused in the said POCSO case and the petitioner No. 2 is the victim. At the relevant time, the petitioner No. 2 was 17 years of age and the age of the petitioner No. 1 was 22 years. From the said relationship, the petitioner No. 2 gave birth a female child on 17th May, 2021.

3. Considering the aforesaid, the petitioners to appear before the Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee on **10th April, 2026** at **12.00 noon** after which the Secretary, High

Court Legal Services Committee to interview the petitioner No. 2 and find out whether the consent given by her is an informed consent. Secretary, High Court Legal Services Committee to also take information whether the petitioner No. 2 has received any compensation for herself and the child, either from any of the schemes of the State Government or the Central Government and seek all such information as may be necessary.

4. Stand over to **16th April, 2026**.
5. Interim relief granted earlier, to continue till the next date.

(Revati Mohite Dere)
Chief Justice

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