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Supplementary List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 100 of 2026

Date of Decision: 10.06.2026

Shri. Anthony Shullai,
 S/o (L) R.B. Gurung
 R/o Ummulong Village,
 West Jaintia Hills District,
 Meghalaya.

..... Applicant

- Vs-

The State of Meghalaya represented by the
 Commissioner & Secretary, Home (Police)
 Department.

..... Respondent

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. S. Dey, Adv.

For the Respondent(s) : Mr. S.A. Sheikh, GA.

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| i) | Whether approved for reporting in
Law journals etc.: | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether approved for publication
in press: | Yes/No |

JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. Heard Mr. S. Dey, learned 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 01.04.2025 and related order of sentence dated 03.04.2025 passed by the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO), West Jaintia Hills District, Jowai in Special (POCSO) Case No. 30 of 2018, wherein, he was convicted and directed to undergo imprisonment for a term of 7(seven) years with fine of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo imprisonment for another 2(two) months for an offence punishable under Section 9(k)/10 of the POCSO Act.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 373 days (as on 8th June, 2026) has occurred, due to circumstances which is beyond the control of the applicant, being uneducated and a daily wageer by occupation, is not aware of his legal rights to file appeal or to engage a private counsel. As such, he could not prefer an appeal within the prescribed period of limitation. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mr. S.A. Sheikh, learned GA 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 373 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.

Judge