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**HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA  
CIRCUIT BENCH AT JALPAIGURI  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISIDCTION  
CRA(DB) 14 of 2026  
With  
CRAN 1 of 2026**

In the matter of : **Bharat Lama** .....the appellant.  
Ms. Rima Sarkar .....for the appellant.  
Mr. Nilay Chakraborty ....for the State.

**Re: CRAN 1 of 2026**

1. Affidavit of service filed in Court today is taken on record.
2. It appears that the appellant, in compliance of the direction given by the order dated 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2026, has served a copy of the application for condonation of delay on the office of the Legal Remembrancer.
3. Mr. Nilay Chakraborty, the former Additional Public Prosecutor, who is still continuing to represent the State, under instructions, appears and submits that he has received instructions regarding the application for condonation of delay. He submits that the explanations given for delay are not very convincing, yet since the appeal has been filed through the High Court Legal Services Committee, he does not vehemently oppose the application.
4. After considering the application for condonation of delay, we are also of the view that the explanations for the delay in filing the

appeal are not very convincing, yet keeping in mind that the appellant has been convicted and is in custody and that the appeal has been filed by an advocate engaged through the High Court Legal Services Committee, we are inclined to condone the delay for the ends of justice. The delay is condoned. The appeal is directed to be registered.

5. CRAN 1 of 2026 stands disposed of.

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6. The Trial Court's Records are directed to be transmitted to this Court as expeditiously as possible.

7. The department shall prepare sufficient number of paper books upon receipt of the Trial Court's Records as expeditiously as possible.

8. After preparation of the paper books, the learned advocates for the appellant as also for the State shall be informed now the paper books are ready.

9. The parties shall cooperate with the department in preparing the paper books.

10. The appeal is, therefor, directed to go out of list for taking necessary steps as indicated hereinabove.

11. The registry shall communicate this order to the Trial Court.

**(Uday Kumar, J.)**

**(Arindam Mukherjee, J.)**