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HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

Crl.M.C. No. 127 of 2026

Date of Decision: 15.07.2026

Shri. Kedroi Rani,
Son of Rang Warjri
Resident of Umkadhor Rim, Nongpoh,
Ri-Bhoi District,
Meghalaya.

…….. **Appellant/Accused**

-Vs-

The State of Meghalaya through the
Public Prosecutor, Shillong.

…… **Respondent**

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Hon'ble Mr. Justice B. Bhattacharjee, Judge

Appearance:

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

For the Respondent(s) : Mrs. N.G. Shylla, Sr. GA with
Ms. I. Lyngwa, GA.

i) Whether approved for reporting in Law journals etc.: Yes/No

ii) Whether approved for publication in press: Yes/No

Per W. Diengdoh, (J):

JUDGMENT AND ORDER (ORAL)

1. Heard Ms. D.M. Warjri, learned Legal Aid Counsel for the

appellant/accused, who has submitted that the appellant/accused has preferred an appeal before this Court against the impugned judgment dated 11.12.2023 and related order of sentence dated 13.12.2023 passed by the Court of the learned Sessions Judge, Ri-Bhoi District, Nongpoh in Sessions Case No. 105 of 2018, whereby, he was convicted and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of 10(ten) years with fine of ₹ 10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand) only, and in default thereof, to undergo rigorous imprisonment of 3(three) months.

2. However, while preferring an appeal, a delay of 878 days has occurred, due to circumstances which is beyond the control of the appellant/accused, being economically backward and illiterate, 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. Thereafter, legal aid was sought for, and accordingly, this application was processed through Legal Aid Counsel. It is therefore prayed that the delay be condoned and the appeal be admitted.

3. Mrs. N.G. Shylla, learned Sr. GA assisted by Ms. I. Lyngwa, 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, we are persuaded to allow this application on being satisfied that the grounds cited for the delay contain

sufficient cause. Accordingly, the delay of 878 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.

(B. Bhattacharjee)
Judge

(W. Diengdoh)
Judge

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