

Serial No. 02
Regular List

HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG

BA. No. 19 of 2020

Date of Order: 08.10.2020

Shri. Balajied Lang Dorphang Vs. State of Meghalaya.

Coram:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice W. Diengdoh, Judge

Appearance:

For the Petitioner/Appellant(s) : Mr. K.Ch. Gautam, Adv.
For the Respondent(s) : Mr. A.H. Kharwanlang, GA.

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

This matter has been taken up today via video conferencing.

Heard Mr. K. Ch. Gautam, learned counsel for the petitioner who submits that this application for grant of bail has been preferred on behalf of the accused/UTP Shri. Julius Kitbok Dorphang who is presently hospitalized at Civil Hospital, Shillong and is reportedly very frail and afflicted.

On this ground, among others, the learned counsel submits that bail may be considered.

Learned counsel further submits that this Court concerning the same subject matter had passed certain directions directing the Trial Courts to expedite the trial preferably within a period of 6(six) months, however till date there has been no progress, for e.g. the related case before the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO) at Jowai is proceeding with only two witnesses having been examined and as such, the deadline issued by this Court may not be able to be complied with.

On this ground too, learned counsel for the petitioner prays for grant of bail to the said accused/UTP.

Mr. A.H. Kharwanlang, learned GA appearing on behalf of the State respondent submits that the medical report may be called for from the Civil Hospital, Shillong as regard the medical condition of the said accused/UTP.

Upon hearing the learned counsels, at this point of time, this Court is also inclined to ascertain the medical condition of the accused/UTP and as such, the Surgeon Superintendent, Civil Hospital, Shillong is directed to file the latest medical report of the said accused/UTP within the next date fixed.

It is also desired that the status report as regard the trial of the case against the accused/UTP both before the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO) at Nongpoh and the Court of the learned Special Judge (POCSO) at Jowai be produced before this Court on the next date.

Let copy of this order be issued upon all concerned for compliance.

Accordingly, list this matter on **13.10.2020** for production of medical report, status report and further hearing.

Meghalaya
08.10.2020
"D. Nary, PS"



Judge