## <u>Present - Sri S Choudhury</u> <u>Civil Judge(Jr.Division),Kailashahar.</u> CM 08 of 2016

22.07.2016 Learned Counsel Mr. Mridul Kanti Das is present on behalf of the petitioner.

Learned Counsel Mr. G De is present on behalf of the Ops.

Today is fixed for necessary order.

This is a petition under Section 5 of the Limitation Act, 1961 praying for condonation of delay of 94 days in filing the petition under Order IX Rule 9 CPC for setting aside the order of dismissal dated 16.11.2015 in original Suit No. TS 15/15.

Perused the petition.

In the petition the petitioner has averred that the delay of 94 days in filing the petition under Order IX Rule 9 CPC was due to his illness.

On receipt of the petition it was registered as Misc. case No. 08 of 2016 and notice was issued to the Ops and they duly entered appearance through their engaged Counsel and filed a written objection rebutting the prayer of the petitioner.

I have heard the Learned Counsels of both the sides and perused the entire record.

The expression "sufficient cause" employed in Section 5 of the Limitation Act has not been defined in the said Act. However on a careful perusal of the judicial precedents on the meaning of the expression "sufficient cause" it would be safe to conclude that it means a cause which is beyond the control of the party invoking the aid of the Limitation

Act. The test whether or not a cause is sufficient is to see whether it is a bona fide cause, in as much as nothing shall be taken to be done bona fide or in good faith which is not done with due care and attention.

In the present case the petitioner has pleaded that his illness caused the delay of more than 3 months in filing the petition under Order IX Rule 9 CPC. However the petitioner has failed to furnish any medical report or any other document to show that he was ill during the relevant period.

In the light of the above discussion I am of the reasoned opinion that the instant petition deserves to be rejected and I do so accordingly.

The instant case is disposed of on contest.

Make necessary entries in the TR.

As dictated.