

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 16906 OF 2026

Gayashoddin Niyajuddin Shaikh

..Appellant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

...Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2958 OF 2026**

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2959 OF 2026**

Ms. Anima Mishra a/w Mr. Anuj Singh, Mr. Vinod Patil, Mr.
Ritu Singh, for the Appellant/Applicant.

Mr. D J Haldankar, APP for Respondent – State.

CORAM : N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 03rd September 2026

P.C.:

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1. Heard.
2. Admit.
3. Call R & P.

IA/2959/2026

4. Issue notice to the respondent, returnable on 24th
September, 2026.

5. Mr. Haldankar, the learned APP, waives notice for respondent.

IA/2958/2026

6. This is an application for condonation of delay of 102 days in filing the appeal against an order dated 09th March, 2026 passed by the learned Special Judge whereby the applicant has been convicted for the offences punishable under Sections 20(b) (ii)(C) and 29 of the Narcotics Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 10 years.

7. As the applicant has been in custody and for the reasons assigned in the application, the delay deserves to be condoned.

8. Hence, the following order :-

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- (i) The IA/2958/2026 stands allowed.
- (ii) The delay in preferring the appeal stands condoned.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]