

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.8 OF 2015

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.972 OF 2014

VIKRAM SAKHARAM JADHAV

)...APPLICANT

V/s.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA & ANR.

)...RESPONDENTS

Mr.Nitin Sejpal and Mrs.Pooja Sejpal, Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr.Deepak Thakre, APP for the Respondent - State.

CORAM : ABHAY M. THIPSAY, J.

DATE : 10th APRIL 2015.

P.C. :

1 Heard.

2 I have been taken through the evidence recorded during the trial and the relevant parts of the impugned judgment. It is a fact that the applicant is in custody for a period of more than one year and four months. However, after considering all the

relevant aspects of the matter, instead of directing the suspension of the substantive sentence imposed upon the applicant, I think it fit to direct the appeal to be taken up for final hearing expeditiously.

3 It is directed that the appeal be listed for 'Final Hearing' in the week commencing from 22nd June 2015.

4 Liberty is also granted to the applicant to mention the matter thereafter for getting a date for final hearing of the appeal fixed.

5 Further, liberty to the applicant to apply afresh for suspension of sentence, in the event of the appeal, for whatever reason, not being finally disposed of by 30th September 2015.

6 At this stage, however, I am not inclined to direct the suspension of the sentence imposed upon the applicant.

7 The application is rejected with the aforesaid observations and directions.

(ABHAY M. THIPSAY, J.)