

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

**CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.329 OF 2017
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.190 OF 2017**

Pahad Mustag Patankar)...Applicant

**V/s.
State Of Maharashtra)...Respondent**

Mr. Ashish Shastri i/by Aniket Vagar, Advocates for the Applicant.

Mr. Ameet Palkar, APP for the Respondent - State.

CORAM : A. M. BADAR, J.

DATE : 8th MARCH, 2017.

P.C. :

This is an application for condonation of delay of about 157 days in filing an appeal challenging the judgment and order of conviction of the Applicant of the offence punishable under Section 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 recorded by the learned Special Judge, Ratnagiri.

2 Heard both sides. Perused the application. The Applicant/Accused is undergoing sentence. His family friend was

processing matter of filing the appeal challenging his conviction and sentence. In that process, copy of the judgment of the trial Court was found misplaced. Hence, the delay.

3 The reason so stated constitutes 'Sufficient Cause'.

Hence, the order:

- (1) Application is allowed.
- (2) Delay in lodging appeal is condoned.

(A. M. BADAR, J.)