

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.966 OF 2016

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.996 OF 2015

Shivajirao Anandrao Pawar ... **Applicant**
V/s.

The State of Maharashtra ... **Respondent**

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Mr.Subir Sarkar i/b. Mr.Jayant J. Bardeskar, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr.S.V.Gavand, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : A.M.BADAR J.

DATED : 8th FEBRUARY 2018.

P.C. :

1 This is an application for expeditious hearing of the appeal filed by the applicant, who is convicted of offences punishable under Sections 7, 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

2 The learned Advocate for the applicant submits that the applicant is on the verge of attaining age of superannuation and, therefore, the appeal needs to be heard. He further submitted that the applicant is also suffering from financial crunch.

3 This Court is hearing jail appeals and some of the appellants before this Court are behind bar for more than ten years. In this view of the matter, as well as in view of Judgment of the Honourable Apex Court in the matter of *Hussain & Anr. v. Union of India* reported in **2017 (5) SCC 702** requests for early hearing of those appeals in which the appellant is on bail cannot be considered.

4 Hence, the application is rejected.

(A.M.BADAR J.)