

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

**CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 1184 OF 2017
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL. ST NO. 712 OF 2017**

Ramesh Maiku Kanojiya ... **Applicant**

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ... **Respondent**

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Ms. Geetanjali Koli i/b. Mr. Sushil A. Inamdar, Advocate for the Applicant

Mr. Prashant Jadhav, APP for the Respondent/State.

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CORAM : A.M.BADAR J.

DATED : 21st MARCH 2018.

P.C. :

1 The learned Advocate for the applicant seeks leave to delete Respondent No.2, as the Respondent No.2 is not concerned with the issue of condonation of delay. Leave to amend/delete the Respondent No.2, is granted.

2 This is an application for condonation of delay of 72 days in filing the appeal challenging conviction of the applicant for the offences punishable under Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code and under Section 4 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO).

3 Heard both sides.

4 It is seen that because of the fact that the applicant is lodged in the prison at Amaravati and there was nobody to look after the matter, there is delay in lodging the appeal. The reasons for delay are sufficient to condone the same. Therefore, the order.

Order

- i] Application is allowed.
 - ii] Delay in lodging appeal is condoned.
- Application stands disposed off.

(A.M.BADAR J.)