

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1557 OF 2017

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.1377 OF 2002

Nagappa Hanmantappa Chetti ... **Applicant**
V/s.

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

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Mr.Omkar Nagvekar i/b. Prabha U. Badadare, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr.V.V.Gangurde, Advocate for the Respondent No.2/State.

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CORAM : A.M.BADAR J.

DATED : 5th FEBRUARY 2018.

P.C. :

1 This is an application for early hearing of the appeal challenging conviction of the applicant/accused for offences punishable under Sections 7, 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2 Heard the learned Advocate appearing for the applicant/accused. He argued that on earlier occasions, this Court has expedited hearing of the appeal. The same is not listed for final hearing. The applicant/accused is terminated from service after his conviction and he is suffering financially as well as psychologically.

3 The applicant/accused is undisputedly on bail. Several jail appeals in which appellants are literally undergone substantive sentence for 8, 9 or 10 years are already on board of final hearing of this Court.

4 In this view of the matter, in view of the Judgment of the Honourable Apex Court in the matter of *Hussain & Anr. v. Union of India* reported in 2017 (5) SCC 702, the application cannot be allowed. The same is, therefore, rejected.

(A.M.BADAR J.)