

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 920 OF 2019
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 796 OF 2019

Ashok Lekhu Rajat

.. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

.. Respondents

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Mr. Rahul S. Kadam i/b Ms. Sheena Chetan Patil for the Applicant.
Mr. V.V.Gangurde, APP for Respondent No.1/State.

CORAM: P. N. DESHMUKH, J.

DATED : 15th OCTOBER, 2019.

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Issue notice to Respondents. Learned APP waives service for Respondent No.1/State.

2. Notice to Respondent No.2 returnable on 3rd December, 2019. In addition to regular mode of service, appellant to serve respondent No.2 by e-mail, speed post and place on record affidavit of service.

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3. This application is for condonation of 111 days delay caused in preferring appeal against Judgment and Order passed by Special Judge in POCSO Special case No.522 of 2014, whereby appellant came to be convicted for the offence punishable under Section 376 of Indian Penal Code and sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 15 years and to pay fine of Rs.2,000/-, in default to suffer Rigorous Imprisonment for two months. In addition to it, appellant is also convicted for the offence punishable under Section 4, 6 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012 and is directed to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 7 years and 15 years respectively and to pay fine of Rs. 2,000/- respectively on both these counts, in default, to suffer rigorous imprisonment for two months.

4. For the grounds mentioned in the application delay caused is found satisfactorily explained, application is disposed of as allowed.

(P. N. DESHMUKH, J.)