

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY,
NAGPUR BENCH, AT NAGPUR.**

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APPA) NO.446 OF 2019

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. OF 2019

(State of Maharashtra, through Dy. Supdt. Of Police, ACB, Chandrapur ..vs.. Sharad s/o Namdeorao
Channawar)

Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders

Court's or Judge's orders

Shri T.A. Mirza, Addl.P.P. for the appellant-State,
Shri Ananthakrishnan, Counsel for the respondent.

CORAM : ROHIT B. DEO, J.

DATED : 29-07-2019

The Special Judge has acquitted the accused on the ground that the Sub-Divisional Officer is not competent authority to accord sanction under Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

2. Shri Ananthakrishnan, learned Counsel for the accused is seeking two weeks time to file affidavit-in-response.

3. However, in my opinion, it would not be necessary to take on record the affidavit-in-response of the accused at this stage. An arguable case is made out for grant of leave.

4. Criminal Application 446/2019 is allowed.

5. The appeal be registered.

Criminal Appeal of 2019.

Heard.

2. **Admit.**

3. Shri Ananthakrishnan, learned Counsel waives service on behalf of the respondent.

4. Call record and proceedings.

5. The registry shall ensure that the record and proceedings is received within ten days.

6. List the appeal for final hearing on 14-8-2019 at serial 1.

JUDGE

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