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***IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION***

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 2953 OF 2021

Ganesh Popat Kowale

... Petitioner

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra

... Respondent

Ms. Devyani Kulkarni, Advocate appointed through Legal Aid for
the Petitioner

Ms. A.S. Pai, P.P. for the Respondent - State

***CORAM : NITIN JAMDAR &
SARANG V. KOTWAL, JJ.***

DATE : 18 NOVEMBER 2021

P.C. :-

The Petitioner prays to be released on Emergency (Covid-19) Parole. The Petitioner is convicted under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. This relief, which is based on Rule 19(1)(C) of the Maharashtra Prisons (Mumbai Furlough and Parole) Rules 1959 (as amended by Amendment Rules, 2020), cannot be granted in view of

Clause 19(1)(C)(ii) as interpreted by the Full Bench of this Court in the case of *Pintu s/o. Juttam Sonale vs. State of Maharashtra*¹ holding that emergency parole is not available to the persons convicted under the provisions of the POCSO Act.

3. In the light of this statutory bar contained in the Rules, no order can be passed in favour of the Petitioner. The Writ Petition is rejected.

SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

NITIN JAMDAR, J.

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¹ Cri.W.P.(St.) No.3206 of 2020 dtd. 6.11.2020(Bombay)