

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.1404 OF 2020
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST.) NO.6343 OF 2020**

Laxman Padam Giri ... Appellant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra and Anr. ... Respondents

Ms. Savita Yadav, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. N.B. Patil, APP for the Respondent - State.

**CORAM : SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV &
N.R. BORKAR, JJ.**

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1. This is an application seeking condonation of delay in filing an appeal challenging the conviction of the appellant for the offence punishable under section 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 in Special Case No.232/2017 by Special Judge under P.O.C.S.O. Act, Greater Bombay vide judgment and order dated 27th March 2019. The applicant is more than 63 years old. The appeal is through jail. The learned counsel appointed through Legal Aid Services Committee has filed this application seeking condonation of

delay. There is a delay of 1 year and 190 days in filing the appeal. For the reasons assigned in the said application, the delay of 1 year and 190 days in filing the appeal deserves to be condoned in the interest of justice. Application is allowed. Delay is condoned. Application stands disposed of.

(N.R. BORKAR, J)

(SMT. SADHANA S. JADHAV, J)