

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2718 OF 2021

IN

BAIL APPLICATION NO.1113 OF 2020

TOUSIF GUDDULAL VIJAPURE)...APPLICANT

V/s.

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA)...RESPONDENT

Ms.K.PShinde, Advocate for the Applicant.

Smt.M.M.Deshmukh, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : V. G. BISHT, J.

DATE : 7th DECEMBER 2021

P.C. :

1 Heard.

2 Perused the status report in Special Case No.31 of 2018.

Vide order dated 3rd February 2021, this Court (Coram : Sarang V. Kotwal, J.) had directed the learned trial Court to complete the trial on or before 31st July 2021. The explanation given by the

learned Special Judge is that because of prevailing Covid situation and as also illness of Shri. S.T.Jadhav, learned counsel for the accused, on account of Covid-19, the trial could not be completed. Similarly, according to the learned Special Judge the accused was also not produced by the Jail Authorities in time and therefore, a show cause notice to Superintendent, Yerwada, Pune jail was also issued by him.

3 It appears that while concluding the status report, the learned Special Judge submits that he would try to dispose off the case at the earliest.

4 As far as the last line of the status report submitted by the learned Special Judge, Solapur is concerned, the same is highly objectionable and shows that the learned Special Judge does not want to give a particular date or month by which the trial would be concluded, knowing fully well that the earlier directions were very much clear that the trial ought to have been completed on or before 31st July 2021.

5 This Court, therefore, expresses serious displeasure
against the wordings used by the learned Special Judge, Solapur.

6 In view of above, the learned Special Judge, Solapur
& Additional Sessions Judge, Solapur, is directed to complete the
trial within three months from the date of receipt of this order.

7 The application stands disposed off accordingly.

(V. G. BISHT, J.)