

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

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 997 OF 2022

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 39 OF 2017

Pandurang Bhikaji Dorugude ...Applicant/Appellant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra ...Respondent

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Mr. Bhavin Jain i/by Ganesh Gole, Advocate for the
Applicant/Appellant
Shir. P. H. Gaikwad, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM : PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.
DATE : 11th APRIL, 2022.

PER COURT:

1. This is an application for fixing the appeal for hearing. The applicant has been acquitted vide judgment and order dated 22nd August, 2015 for offences under the Prevention of Corruption of Act.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that, since the appeal preferred by the state challenging the judgment of acquittal has been admitted by this Court, the applicant has been deprived of certain pecuniary benefits. He is entitled for gratuity which has been stayed due to pendency of this appeal. He is receiving provisional temporary pension. The applicant has undergone coronary angioplasty and suffering from various other ailments and heavy expenses are incurred for medical treatment.

3. Learned APP submitted that there is no urgency in the matter. The appeal is pending since – 2017.

4. It appears that on account of admission of appeal against acquittal, the applicant is not getting certain employment benefits. In these circumstances hearing of appeal can be expedited.

5. Hence, I pass the following order:

ORDER

i. Criminal Appeal No.39 of 2017 be added to the final hearing board commencing from 2nd January, 2023.

ii. Interim Application is disposed off.

(PRAKASH D. NAIK, J.)