

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3708 OF 2022
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.18362 OF 2022**

Akash Jitendra Gaikwad Applicant
versus
State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. R. L. Adhe i/b. A. S. Bangar, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. S. R. Agarkar, APP for the State/Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 06th DECEMBER, 2022**

P.C. :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 54 days in preferring the Appeal against Judgment and Order dated 24/06/2022 passed by the learned Special Judge (POCSO), Pune, in Special (POCSO) Case No.67/2018. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that after his conviction the Applicant was taken in the custody. There was no male member in the family. Only mother was looking after him and she was in poor financial state. Therefore she could not engage an advocate at that time.

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2. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, delay of 54 days in filing the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)