

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4351 OF 2022
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 21194 OF 2022**

Anand Periyarswami Arjun ..Applicant.
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr. Gajendra Jadhav for Applicant.
Smt. M. R. Tidke, APP for State/Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 20th DECEMBER 2022**

PC :

1. Leave to amend to conceal the identity of the Respondent No.2. Amendment to be carried out forthwith.
2. This is an application for condonation of delay of one year and eight days in filing the Criminal appeal. The Applicant was convicted and sentenced by learned Special Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Mumbai vide his Judgment and order dated 29/09/2021 passed in POCSO Special Case No.667 of 2018.
3. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that, since

September 2018 the applicant is in custody. He is in poor financial state. He could not make an arrangement for filing the Appeal immediately after his conviction and, therefore, there is delay of one year and eight days.

4. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, delay in preferring the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

5. The Application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)