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

**CRIMINAL APPLICATION IN APPLICATION NO. 1192 OF 2019
IN
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL (ALS) (ST) NO. 178 OF 2019**

The State of Maharashtra

... Applicant

Versus

Amrut Malkari Natekar and Anr.

... Respondents

Mr.H.J.Dedhia – APP for the Applicant – State.

Mr.Imtiyaz I. Patel, Advocate for Respondent No.1.

Mr.Sagar Tambe i/b. Mr.Ritesh Thobde, Advocate for Respondent No.2.

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATED : 27th JANUARY, 2023

P. C. :-

CRIMINAL APPLICATION IN APPLICATION NO. 1192 OF 2019

1. Heard learned APP for the Applicant – State and learned Advocate for Respondent Nos. 1 and 2. They have been acquitted by learned Special Judge for Anti Corruption as per the judgment dated 22nd February, 2019 for the offences punishable under Sections 7, 13(1)(d) read with 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (49 of 1988).

2. There is a delay of 44 days in preferring the Appeal. Condonation of delay is opposed on behalf of the Respondents. The same has occurred for completing the procedure for preferring an Appeal. The proposal was routed to Law and Judiciary Department from learned APP and all time was consumed in processing the proposal. This is a satisfactory explanation.

3. In view of that, delay is condoned. The Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a). Application is disposed of.

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4. Leave is sought for preferring an Appeal against the judgment of acquittal. Respondents have already appeared in delay condonation application. They waive notice of this Leave Application.

5. In view of that, matter be kept on 15th February, 2023.

(S. M. MODAK, J.)