

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4521 OF 2022  
IN  
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 22115 OF 2022**

Aakash Raju Latkar

..Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

..Respondents

Mr. Piyush Toshnival i/b. \_\_\_\_\_  
Smt. M. R. Tidke, APP for State/Respondent No.1.

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**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.  
DATE : 30 JANUARY 2023**

**PC :**

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 338 days in filing the criminal Appeal. The Applicant has challenged the Judgment and order dated 17/11/2021 passed by learned Special Judge, Kolhapur in Special (POCSO) Case No.228 of 2020. The order was passed on 17/11/2021. The major sentence imposed on him was R.I. for 5 years, besides imposition of fine.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that the applicant spent some time in seeking the legal opinion and to make financial arrangement and, therefore, there was delay of 338

days.

3. Though, the reasons are not very specific and clear, in the interest of justice, the delay of 338 days in filing the Criminal Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

4. The application is disposed of.

**(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)**