

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.660 OF 2023
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.18611 OF 2022**

Krishnakumar Malhari Jadhav Applicant

versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. Chetan A. Alai (Appointed) Advocate for Applicant.
- Smt. M. R. Tidke, APP for the State/Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 23rd FEBRUARY, 2023**

P.C. :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 113 days in filing the Appeal. The Applicant was convicted and sentenced by the Designated Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Mumbai, vide his Judgment and Order dated 05/03/2021 passed in POCSO Special Case No.1119 of 2020.

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2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted and it is also mentioned in the application that the Applicant is in jail

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since October 2020. His financial condition was poor and therefore he had asked for assistance of legal aid counsel. Accordingly advocate Mr. Chetan A. Alai was appointed to represent him. Some time is required to collect the documents and therefore there is delay in filing the Appeal.

3. Considering this ground and in the interest of justice, the delay of 113 days in preferring the Appeal, is condoned.
4. The Appeal be processed further.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)