

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2130 OF 2023
IN
Cr. Appeal NO. 1003 OF 2023**

Pramod S/o Mohan Suryawanshi ...Applicant
Versus
The State Of Maharashtra And Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Rahul Shinde, Advocate for Applicant.

Mrs. M. H. Mhatre, APP for the Respondent-State.

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CORAM : NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.
DATE : 20th OCTOBER 2023

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1. This application is filed for suspension of sentence of two years imprisonment imposed on the applicant by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Pune in Special (POCSO) Case No. 321 of 2016, under Section 354 of Indian Penal Code and Section 11(i) punishable under Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. Maximum sentence imposed on the applicant is of two years. After conviction, trial Court suspended the substantive sentence. Applicant has deposited fine amount. According to the applicant due to covid, he could not file appeal within time. Since the sentence imposed on the applicant is short term, application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (b).

- (i) During the pendency of present appeal, substantive sentence of imprisonment imposed upon applicant is suspended.
- (ii) Applicant be released on bail on his furnishing PR bond in the sum of Rs.15,000/- with one solvent surety in the like amount.
- (iii) Applicant shall attend trial Court once in a month on first Monday.

(NITIN B. SURYAWANSHI, J.)