

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4166 OF 2022
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.20184 OF 2022**

Prem @ Mantu Dhirendra Dalpati Applicant

versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Smt. Pranali Kakade (Appointed) Advocate for Applicant.
- Smt. M. R. Tidke, APP for the State/Respondent No.1.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 11th JANUARY, 2023**

P.C. :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 3 years and 245 days in filing the Appeal. The Applicant has challenged the Judgment and Order dated 23/01/2019 passed by Additional Sessions Judge-2, Vasai, in POCSO Special Case No.79 of 2016.

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2. Learned counsel submitted that because of his poor economic condition, he could not engage a private advocate. He

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had no other family member who could look after his case for engaging a private advocate. Therefore this application and the Appeal are filed with the help of Legal Services Authority. She submitted that in the interest of justice, the delay be condoned.

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

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)