

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2145 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.562 OF 2024**

Ramesh Nagnath Kadam & Ors. Applicants

versus

The State of Maharashtra Respondent

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- Mr. Prashant P. Raul, Advocate for Applicants.
- Mr. Shrikant H. Yadav, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 11th JUNE, 2024**

P.C. :

1. The Applicants have filed Criminal Appeal No.562 of 2024 before this Court challenging the Judgment and Order dated 27/05/2024 passed in Sessions Case No.51 of 2023 by the Additional Sessions Judge, Solapur. The Applicants/Appellants were the accused along with the other accused before the Sessions Court. There were 74 accused. Two of them had passed away. All the accused including the present Applicants were convicted for commission of offence punishable u/s 332 r/w 149

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of the Indian Penal Code and were sentenced to suffer simple imprisonment for one month and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/- each and in default of payment of fine to suffer further simple imprisonment for 10 days. They were also convicted for commission of offence punishable u/s 353 r/w 149 of the Indian Penal Code and were sentenced to suffer simple imprisonment for one month and to pay a fine of Rs.1,000/- each and in default of payment of fine, they were directed to suffer further simple imprisonment for 10 days.

2. The prosecution case pertains to the incident dated 04/07/2015. The Applicant No.1 was the then MLA and the allegations are that he and his followers had damaged the public property and had also assaulted the police personnel by pelting stones.
3. Since the Appeal is already admitted, the evidence will have to be tested in the Appeal at the stage of final hearing. The sentence imposed on the Applicants is only for one month. The Appeal is not likely to be heard within that period. The

Applicants were granted benefit u/s 389 of Cr.P.C. by the learned Trial Court vide order dated 27/05/2024 and interim bail was granted till the filing of the Appeal.

4. Considering all these circumstances, the present application can be allowed.

5. Hence, the following order :

ORDER

(i) During pendency and final disposal of the Criminal Appeal No.562 of 2024, the Applicants are directed to be released on bail on their furnishing P.R. Bond in the sum of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand Only) each, with one or two sureties each, in the like amount.

(ii) The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)