

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 3570 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 18076 OF 2024**

Dnyaneshwar @ Don Vishnu Deshmukh ..Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

Ms. Zubi Ansari a/w. Ankita P. Rai i/b. Ritesh Thobde for Applicant.
Mr. Swapnil V. Walve, APP for State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 3 SEPTEMBER 2024

PC :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 3 years and 155 days in filing the Appeal challenging the Judgment and order dated 20.01.2021 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Solapur, in Sessions Case No.332 of 2017.
2. The Applicant was convicted for commission of offences punishable under section 376 of the I.P.C. and under sections 3 and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act. The major sentence imposed on him was R.I. for 12 years, besides

imposition of fine.

3. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that, the applicant is continuously in custody since 2017. His wife has passed way on 17.08.2021. He has only two minor children. Therefore, there was nobody to look after his interest. The applicant has very poor financial background, and all this has caused delay in filing the Appeal.

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

5. The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)