

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4667 OF 2023
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.21620 OF 2023**

Arvind @ Sonu Anant Sawant Applicant
versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. Abhishek Khare, appointed advocate through Legal Aid Panel, for Applicant.
- Mr. Arfan Sait, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 24th JUNE, 2024**

P.C. :

1. The Applicant has challenged the Judgment and Order dated 28/09/2022 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Ratnagiri in Sessions Case No.22 of 2020. The Applicant was convicted u/s 307 of the Indian Penal Code and the major sentence imposed on him was rigorous imprisonment for 7 years besides imposition of fine.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that the Applicant was in a poor financial state. He could not engage a

private advocate. This Appeal is filed with the help of Legal Aid Authority of this Court. Some time was required to collect the papers and to prepare the Appeal. Therefore, the delay be condoned.

3. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, the delay of 345 days in filing the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.
4. The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)