

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4694 OF 2023
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.22568 OF 2023**

Jafar Jamir @ Jamal Nadaf

.... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra

.... Respondent

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- Mr. Pranot P. Pawar, appointed Advocate, a/w Tushar Rane, for Applicant.
- Mr. Arfan Sait, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 20th JUNE, 2024**

P.C. :

1. The Applicant had challenged the Judgment and order dated 21/04/2022 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Sangli, convicting him u/s 377 of the Indian Penal Code and u/s 6 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. The major punishment imposed on him was for 20 years rigorous imprisonment besides imposition of fine. This order was passed in Special POCSO Case No.23 of 2020.

2. Learned counsel, who is appointed through Legal Services Panel of this Court, submitted that the Applicant was extremely poor. He could not engage an advocate. He could not instruct anybody from his family to take steps in filing the Appeal and therefore there was delay of 518 days in filing the Appeal.
3. Considering these submissions, in the interest of justice, the delay in filing the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)