

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

**CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 4199 OF 2023**

Gurunath Laxman Gandhi & Ors.

..Petitioners

Versus

The State of Maharashtra

..Respondent

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Mr. Sarang S. Aradhye a/w. Gauri Velankar a/w. Shantanu Gurav  
a/w. Saarth Chordia for Petitioners.

Mr. Swapnil V. Walve, APP for State/Respondent.

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**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.**

**DATE : 20 SEPTEMBER 2024**

**PC :**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has challenged the order rejecting his discharge application involving the provisions of the M.P.I.D. Act. Therefore, he seeks permission to convert this criminal writ petition into a Criminal Appeal U/s.11 of the M.P.I.D. Act.

2. The impugned order is passed on 06.04.2022, therefore, in case it is so converted, the petitioners will have to file an application for condonation of delay.

3. Learned counsel submits that he will file appropriate application for condonation of delay, as well.

4. Considering these submissions, learned counsel for the petitioners is permitted to convert this writ petition into a Criminal Appeal with directions to file an application for condonation of delay. The present proceedings and the application for condonation of delay shall be decided on their own merits. The office shall permit the learned counsel to take steps in that behalf.

**(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)**