

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 712 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 2798 OF 2024**

Shendi @ Kailas Devram Nagrikar

..Applicant.

Versus

State of Maharashtra & Anr.

..Respondents

Ms. Kanchan T. Pawar (Appointed Advocate) for Applicant.

Smt. Sangita D. Shinde, APP for State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE : 3 JULY 2024

PC :

1. The Applicant was the original accused No.2 in Special Case No.557 of 2018 before the Special Judge under POCSO Act. The applicant along with other accused was convicted U/s.376-D of the I.P.C. and under Sections 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 of the POCSO Act. The major sentence imposed on him was R.I. for 20 years.

2. This is an application for condonation of delay. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that the applicant is in poor financial state. He could not afford to engage a private advocate. Therefore, this Appeal is filed with the assistance of Legal Services

Authority of this Court. Some time was spent to appoint the advocate and for collecting the papers. Therefore, there is delay of one year and 142 days. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, delay in filing the Appeal is condoned.

3. The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)