

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

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.977 OF 2022

Rajkumar @ Vikykumar Avadhkishor
Choudhary

.....Appellant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra
and another

.... Respondents

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WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2367 OF 2024

IN

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.977 OF 2022

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WITH

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2370 OF 2024

IN

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Smt. Manisha R. Tidke, APP for the Respondent-State.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE : 06th AUGUST, 2024

P.C. :

1. This Appeal is placed for directions today. The
Appeal was heard on 31.7.2024. After reaching the
conclusion in the matter, the question of sentence was

considered. Both the learned counsel made certain submissions on the sentence imposed on the Appellant. However, before the judgment could be finalized and signed, it was noticed that the minimum sentence provided under Section 376(1) of IPC at the relevant time was ten years. Therefore, the matter is placed on today's board to seek the response of the learned counsel appearing for the parties.

2. I have heard the parties on the sentence and in particular on the point of minimum sentence that can be imposed under Section 376(1) of IPC and under Section 4 of POCSO Act with reference to Section 42 of the POCSO Act. The arguments are concluded. The Appeal is reserved for judgment.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)