

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2475 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 12403 OF 2024**

Mohd. Imtiyaz Ansari S/p. Iliyas Ansari ..Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr. Shashikant P. Chaudhari (appointed Advocate) for Applicant.
Mr. Arfan Sait, APP for State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 10 JULY 2024**

PC :

1. The applicant was convicted under sections 6 and 8 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (hereinafter referred to as 'POCSO Act') and under sections 376(2) and 354 of the I.P.C. by the learned Special Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Bombay, vide the Judgment and order dated 22.11.2023 passed in Special Case No.1011 of 2020.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant submitted that the applicant was in a poor financial state. He could not afford to engage a private advocate, therefore, this appeal is filed with the

help of legal services authority of this Court. In process, some time was spent in appointing an advocate. Some more time was spent in collecting papers by the learned advocate. Therefore, this all has caused delay of 143 days in preferring the Appeal.

3. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, delay of 143 days in filing the Appeal is condoned.

4. The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)