

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3251 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.16897 OF 2024**

Jagdish Kamal Singh Applicant
versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents
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- Mr. Savvy Kolhekar i/b. Aniket Vagal, Advocate for Applicant.
- Ms. Ranjana D. Humane, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 21st AUGUST, 2024**

P.C. :

1. This application is for condonation of delay of 167 days in filing the Appeal. The Applicant was convicted by the Special Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Mumbai, in Special POCSO Case No.665/2020. The Applicant was convicted for commission of offences punishable u/s 376(2)(i), 342 of the Indian Penal Code and u/s 4(2), 8, 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012. The major sentence imposed on him was rigorous imprisonment for 20 years, besides imposition of fine.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that he is from a poor financial background. He and his family did not know the procedure of filing the Appeal. They took some time to approach the Advocate and file this Appeal. Therefore, there is delay.
3. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, the delay of 167 days in filing the Appeal is condoned.
4. The Appeal be processed further.
5. The application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)