

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5008 OF 2024
IN
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL
(ST) NO. 18736 OF 2024**

The State of Maharashtra

...Applicant

V/s.

Alhad Balaram Mhatre and Anr.

...Respondents

Ms. Dhanlaxmi Iyer, Advocate for the Applicant.

Mr. Gaurav Parkar i/b Mr. Shantanu Kadam, Advocate for the Respondent/State.

CORAM : N.R. BORKAR, J.
DATE : 19.08.2025.

P.C. :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay in filing appeal by the State against the judgment and order dated 31.07.2023 passed by the Learned Extra Joint District Judge & Additional Sessions Judge, Panvel-Raigad in Special Case (POCSO) No. 191 of 2020, by which the learned Additional Session Judge has acquitted respondent No.1 (original accused) for the offences punishable Under Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 7, 8, 9(m)(p), 10, 11 (iv) and 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012.

2. I have heard the learned APP for the applicant-State and the learned counsel for respondent No.1.
3. For the reasons mentioned in the application, the delay in filing the appeal is condoned. The application is disposed of.
4. List the Application for Leave to Appeal Stamp No. 18736 of 2024 on 15.09.2025.

[N.R.BORKAR, J.]