

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 5352 OF 2024
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 26746 OF 2024**

Skumar Sambhaji Kakade ..Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra ..Respondent

Ms. Swara Vichare i/b. Manisha S. Jagtap for Applicant.
Mr. Ajay Patil, APP for State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &
S. M. MODAK, JJ.**

DATE : 2 JANUARY 2025

PC :

1. This is an application for condonation of the delay of 8 years and 19 days in preferring the Appeal against the Judgment and order dated 30.09.2016 passed by the learned Sessions Judge, Sangli, in Sessions Case No.232 of 2014, convicting the applicant U/s.302 of the I.P.C.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that the applicant is in custody since 2014 and, therefore, he had no financial means to engage a private advocate to prefer an Appeal.

He had to request the Legal Services Authority of this Court to provide the services of a legal aid counsel. Some time was also spent in appointing the advocate and collecting necessary documents. Therefore, there is delay.

3. Though, the delay is inordinate, considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the applicant and in the interest of justice, the delay in preferring the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

4. The Application is disposed of.

(S. M. MODAK, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)