

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.76 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.330 OF 2025**

Smita Bapuso Patil

.... Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr.

.... Respondents

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- Trushna Shah a/w Tejesh Dande, Advocate for Applicant.
- Mr. Shreekant H. Yadav, APP for the State/Respondent.

**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 29th JULY, 2025**

P.C. :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay of 2 years and 243 days in filing Appeal against the Judgment and Order dated 17/11/2021 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Sangli, in Special Case (POCSO) No.117/2019.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that the Applicant is in a poor financial state. She was represented by Legal Aid Counsel. Even this Appeal is preferred with the help of Legal

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Services Authority of this Court. There is no male member in her family to look after her interest. She therefore prayed for condoning the delay.

3. Learned APP does not have serious objection for condonation of delay.
4. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, the delay of 2 years and 243 days in filing the Appeal is condoned.
5. The Appeal be processed further.
6. The Application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)