

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 340 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 1441 OF 2025**

Santosh Madhukar Dhumal	..Applicant
Versus	
The State of Maharashtra & Anr.	..Respondents

Mr. Tejesh Dande a/w. Trushna Shah, Aniket Shitole and Vinayak Shelar i/b. Mr. Bharat Gadhavi for Applicant.
Mr. Shreekant H. Yadav, APP for State/Respondent.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.
DATE : 28 JULY 2025

PC :

1. This is an application for condonation of the delay of 58 days in filing the Appeal against the Judgment and order dated 28.08.2024 passed by the learned Additional Sessions Judge, Vadgaon Maval, Dist. Pune, in Sessions Case No.169 of 2022.
2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that the applicant is from a poor financial background. His trial was conducted with the help of a legal aid counsel. Even after his conviction, he could not afford a private Advocate, but with great

difficulty he could file this Appeal. Therefore, delay be condoned.

3. Learned APP does not have serious objection for condoning the delay.

4. Considering these submissions and in the interest of justice, the delay of 58 days in filing the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

5. The Application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)