

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2639 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 14525 OF 2025**

Ravindra Kisan Ghadge @ Dhum ..Applicant
Versus
The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ..Respondents

Mr. Ajay Talreja for Applicant. _____
Mr. Pankaj P. Devkar, APP for State/Respondent. _____

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.

DATE : 23 JULY 2025

PC :

1. This is an application for condonation of the delay of 79 days in filing the Appeal against the Judgment and order dated 25.02.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Bombay, in Special (POCSO) Case No.63 of 2019.
2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that the applicant is from a poor financial background. There is no one to look-after his interests in his family. He could not engage a private advocate, therefore, this Appeal is filed with the help of the Legal

Services Authority of this Court. Some time was lost in collecting the papers, appointing a legal aid counsel and preparing the Appeal memo. Therefore, there is a delay of 79 days in filing the Appeal.

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 79 days in filing the Appeal is condoned. The Appeal be processed further.

5. The Application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)