

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.2722 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO.14920 OF 2025**

Madhukar Parshuram Khot Applicant

versus

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. Respondents

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- Mr. Prakash Vare, 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 545 days in filing Appeal against the Judgment and Order dated 09/11/2023 passed by the learned Special Judge under POCSO Act, Greater Mumbai, in POCSO Special Case No.560 of 2019.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submitted that since his arrest in 2019, the Applicant is continuously in custody. After his conviction he had taken a copy of the judgment, but he could

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not contact any Advocate and then misplaced the copy. Therefore, there was further delay in filing the Appeal.

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 545 days in filing the Appeal is condoned.
5. The Appeal be processed further.
6. The Application is disposed of.

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)