

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

**CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 16415 OF 2025
ALONGWITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2994 OF 2025
(For Condonation of Delay)**

Shamshad Ajmer Ansari

...Appellant

Vs.

The State of Maharashtra and Anr.

...Respondents

Omneel Jadhav	Advocate for the Appellant
Ms. Deepali Bagla	On VC for the Respondent
Mr. A. S. Gawai	APP for the Respondent-State
PSI/Pradeep Bodade	Kulgaon Police Station

CORAM : S. M. MODAK, J.

DATE : 18th SEPTEMBER 2025

P. C. :-

1. Heard learned Advocate for the Appellant-accused and learned APP.

2. His regular bail was rejected by the trial court on 22.11.2024. Due to financial constraint, he cannot appoint an advocate to prefer appeal before this Court. The appeal is not beyond 180 days from

passing of the order.

3. There are two provisos to Sub-Section 3 to Section 14-A of the Schedule Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

They are :-

(i) By showing the sufficient cause, the High court can condone the delay for a period of 90 days.

(ii) Such condonation shall not be more than 180 days.

4. In this case the appeal is not beyond the period of 180 days. For the reasons stated in the application, delay is condoned. The Interim Application No. 2994 of 2025 is allowed.

5. This is an appeal challenging the order of rejection of the regular bail. The learned appointed advocate is in difficulty.

6. Stand over to **24th September 2025**.

[S. M. MODAK, J.]