



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APPA) NO. 464 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL ST. NO. 4261 OF 2025

Santosh Hiralal Shahu Vs. The State of Maharashtra, thr. PSO, PS Rana Pratap Nagar,
Nagpur

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appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's Orders.

Court's or Judge's orders.

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Mr. S.S. Hulke APP for the Non-applicant/Respondent/State.

CORAM : ANIL L. PANSARE AND M.M. NERLIKAR, JJ.
DATE : 5th AUGUST, 2025.

The present application is filed for condonation of delay of 258 days in preferring an appeal against conviction.

2. The contents of the application would show that the impugned order was rendered on 20/03/2024, thereafter, the applicant applied for certified copies. Further, in paragraph 4 of the application, it is stated that he has sought the services of alternate counsel, however, it could not be materialized. Consequently, he has engaged another counsel, and due to this, some time has elapsed. It is further stated that it has taken some time in the procurement of documents and therefore there is delay of 258 days in preferring the present appeal.

3. We have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and the learned A.P.P.

4. The learned A.P.P. has resisted the application.

5. Considering the fact that the appeal is against conviction and there are sufficient reasons, which are

mentioned in the application, we deem it appropriate to condone the delay. Accordingly, the application is allowed in terms of prayer Clause (i).

6. Registry is directed to register the appeal.

7. The application is disposed of accordingly.

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8. Heard.

9. **ADMIT.**

10. The learned A.P.P. waives service of notice for the respondent/State.

11. Call R & P.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APPA) NO. 667 OF 2025

12. Heard.

13. Issue notice to the non-applicant, returnable on 26/08/2025.

14. The learned A.P.P. waives service of notice for the non-applicant/State.

(M. M. NERLIKAR, J.)

(ANIL L. PANSARE, J.)