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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**914 CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 4497 OF 2025
IN APEALST/12507/2025**

BALAJI KONDIBA SONKAMBLE

....Applicant

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

Mr. R. P. Patwardhan, Advocate h/f Mr. S. S. Jadhav, Advocate for the applicant

Mrs. U. S. Bhosale, APP for the respondents/State

Mrs. Meenal Deshpande, Advocate for the respondent No. 2

CORAM : RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.

DATE : 24th FEBRUARY, 2026

PER COURT :

1. This is an application for condonation of delay in filing the appeal challenging the conviction awarded in Special (POCSO) Case No. 12/2012 by the Additional & Special Judge, Udgir, Dist. Latur on 17-05-2025 for commission of offences punishable under Sections 4,6,8 & 12 of the POCSO Act and Sections 376(2)(n) and 376(3) of the IPC. Maximum sentence imposed is of twenty years.

2. Considering the contention advanced by the learned Advocate for the applicant that there was nobody to look after the proceeding and the applicant was having financial constraints to file the appeal, the delay of 119 days is condoned. The application is allowed.

[RAJNISH R. VYAS, J.]