



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

**973 CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 796 OF 2026
IN APEALST/2018/2026**

**WALMIK BABURAO KARAD
VERSUS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANOTHER**

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Mr. N.S. Ghanekar a/w Mr. Sanket Kulkarni, i/by Mr. Ashish Kachole, Advocate holding for Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. A.B. Girase, Public Prosecutor for respondent No.1.
Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, Advocate for respondent No.2.

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**CORAM : SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE AND
ABASAHEB D. SHINDE, JJ.**

DATED : 5 MAY 2026.

Per Court :

1. Heard rival submissions.
2. The applicant is praying for condonation of delay of 21 days in filing the appeal challenging the order dated 23.12.2025 passed by the learned Special Judge (under MCOC Act), Beed in Special (MCOCA) Case No.56/2025.
3. Though the learned Public Prosecutor strongly opposed the application, but the order judgment and order under appeal has to be dealt with on it's own merits. In view of the same, the application stands allowed in terms of prayer clause (A).

4. The appeal of the applicant be registered after removal of office objections, if any.
5. The criminal application is accordingly disposed of.

(ABASAHEB D. SHINDE)
JUDGE

(SANDIPKUMAR C. MORE)
JUDGE