

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 307 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL [ST.] NO. 1700 OF 2026

Vasudev Arjun Gurav.

...Applicant.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra and Others.

...Respondents.

Mr. Amit Waykool and Ms. Purva S. Patil for the Applicant.

Dr. Ashvini A. Takalkar, APP for the Respondent-State.

**Coram : Smt. Vibha Kankanwadi &
Nandesh S. Deshpande, JJ.**

Date : June 9, 2026.

ORDER:

1. Present application has been filed for condonation of delay of 223 days in filing the criminal appeal.
2. Heard learned advocate Mr. Amit Waykool for the Applicant and learned APP Dr. Ashvini A. Takalkar for Respondent Nos.1 and 2. No necessity to issue notice to Respondent No.3 in view of the fact that the application is for condonation of delay.
3. The Applicant–original accused was prosecuted for the offence punishable under Sections 376(2)(n), 376(3) and 506 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 4, 6 and 8 of the Protection of Children

from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 in Special Case No.4 of 2023 before the learned Special Court under the POSCO Act, Ratnagiri. By the judgment and order dated 17th July 2025, the Applicant has been convicted for the offence punishable under Section 376(3) of the IPC and sentenced to suffer imprisonment for life and to pay fine; for the offence punishable under Section 506 of IPC and sentenced to suffer RI for six months; for the offence punishable under Section 3(a) r/w 4 of the POCSO Act, he has been sentenced to suffer imprisonment for life; for the offence punishable under Section 5(j)(ii) r/w 6 of the POCSO Act again directed to undergo imprisonment for life; for the offence punishable under Section 7 r/w 8 of the POCSO Act sentenced to suffer RI for 3 years and to pay fine of Rs.1,000/-. The substantive sentences have been directed to run concurrently.

4. Learned Advocate for the Applicant submits that since the Applicant is in jail and he could not make arrangements to file the appeal, there is delay.

5. Though learned APP objects, taking into consideration the above facts the application stands allowed and disposed of. Delay stands condoned. Registry to register the criminal appeal after the scrutiny.

[NANDESH S. DESHPANDE, J.]

[SMT. VIBHA KANKANWADI, J.]