

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3587 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.725 OF 2024

Ashok Shankar Kharat ...Appellant
Versus
State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

WITH
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO.403 OF 2024
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.1601 OF 2024
Durgaprasad Picchiya Rao ...Appellant/
Applicant
Versus
State of Maharashtra _____ ...Respondent

Mr. Hitesh Mutha a/w Samriddhi Karmakar, for the Applicant.
Mr. Arfan Sait, APP for the Respondent - State.

CORAM R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATED: 13TH MARCH 2026

PC:-

- 1.** Heard.
- 2.** Learned counsel for the Applicant, submits that the Appellant has already undergone half of the sentence

imposed against him by the impugned judgment and order. It is his further submission that though the provisions of MCOCA were sought to be applied against him, the Trial Court has acquitted the Appellant and all the accused under the said provisions. It is his submission that though the antecedents are mentioned in the impugned judgment and order, in all those cases the Appellant stood acquitted.

3. Learned APP seeks time to respond to the submissions of the counsel for the Appellant.

4. At his request, stand over to **1st April, 2026**. Part heard.

(R. M. JOSHI, J)