

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO.3896 OF 2024**

**IN**

**APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL (STATE)(ST.) NO.19725 OF 2024**

The State of Maharashtra )... Applicant

**Versus**

Ashok Ganpat Kamble & Anr. )... Respondents

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Ms. Supriya Kak, A.P.P. for the Applicant-State.

Mr. Siddharth Gharat a/w Mr. Vikrant Khare and Mr. Darshan Thube for  
Respondent Nos.1 and 2.

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**CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &  
SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.**

**DATE : 25<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026**

**P.C.**

1) This is an application for condonation of delay in preferring the Appeal against the acquittal recorded by the Judgment and Order dated 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023, passed by the Learned Extra Jt. District & Addl. Sessions Judge, Panvel-Raigad, District Raigad in Special (POCSO) Case No.348 of 2020 (Old. Spl. (POCSO) Case No.30/2019). There is a delay of 178 days in filing the Application for leave to file Appeal.

2) Learned A.P.P. for the Applicant-State, invited our attention to paragraph-2 of the Application. It is mentioned that the Judgment and Order was passed on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023. After that, the certified copy was delivered on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023. In the meantime, some time was lost in Mantralaya for taking a decision and then the matter was received in the Public Prosecutors' Office of this Court. Government Resolution was passed on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2024, for filing of the application for leave to appeal. Once the proposal was received in the Public Prosecutors' Office, the application for leave to appeal was filed on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

3) Considering the submission and since the delay was not intentional, the delay of 178 days in filing the present application is condoned. The Interim Application is disposed of.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)