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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.19 OF 2026

IN

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL (ST.) NO.3506 OF
2025

Gopal D. Sonawat

...Applicant /
...Intervenor

IN THE MATTER BETWEEN :

The State of Maharashtra

...Applicant

V/s.

Aakash A. Oval & Anr.

...Respondents

Ms.Kranti Hiwrale, APP for the State – Applicant / Intervenor.

Mr.Sangharsha Apte with Mr.Dinesh R. Sonawane for the
Intervenor.

CORAM : SARANG V. KOTWAL &

SANDESH D. PATIL, JJ.

DATE : 6TH JANUARY, 2026.

P.C. :-

1. This is an application for intervention filed by the brother of the deceased Gautam Sonavate. The appeal is filed by the State against the acquittal. The present Applicant wants to

intervene in this Application to support the State of Maharashtra in challenging the order of acquittal passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Pune in Sessions Case No.304 of 2017.

2. The Intervenor / Applicant is the original first informant. He has lost his brother. Therefore, in these circumstances, we are inclined to permit the Applicant to intervene in the Appeal to support the State of Maharashtra. Hence the following order is passed.

3. The Interim Application is allowed. The Applicant to be impleaded as one of the Respondents. Learned APP shall carry out amendment in the cause title of the Appeal / Application for leave to file the appeal. Amendment to be carried out forthwith

4. The Interim Application is allowed and disposed of.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)