

Ajit Pathrikar

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST) NO. 22630 OF 2025
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4177 OF 2025**

Anant Narayan Chavan ...Appellant/Applicant
Versus
State Of Maharashtra And Anr. ...Respondents

Mr. Yakub Shaikh, *for the Appellant/Applicant.*
Mr. A. S. Gawai, *APP for the State-Respondent.*

CORAM R. M. JOSHI, J.
DATED: 22nd JANUARY 2026

PC:-

IN INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4177 OF 2025 :

1. This application is for condonation of delay in filing Appeal against the Judgment and Order dated 24th April 2025 passed in Special (POCSO) Case No. 437 of 2019, whereby the Appellant came to be convicted.

2. Since the liberty of the Appellant is restricted as he is in jail, it is sufficient reason for condonation of delay. Hence, the

Interim Application stands allowed in terms of prayer clause (a).

3. Appeal be registered.

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4. Heard.

5. Admit.

6. Call record and proceedings.

7. Learned APP waives service on behalf of Respondent-State.

8. Ms. Vilasini Balasubramanian waives service on behalf of Respondent No.2.

(R. M. JOSHI, J.)