

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

**INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 4408 OF 2025
IN
CRIMINAL APPLICATION (ST) NO. 23546 OF 2025**

The State of Maharashtra	..Applicant
Versus	
Ajay Shankarrao Dandade & Anr.	..Respondents

Ms. Supriya Kak, APP for State/Applicant.
None for the Respondents.

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

DATE : 1 APRIL 2026

PC :

1. The report shows that the Respondents are served. Nobody appears for both the Respondents. The Respondent No.2 is the father of the victim.

2. This is an application for condonation of the delay of 20 days in filing application for leave to file Appeal against the Judgment and order dated 24.07.2025 passed by the Additional Sessions Judge, Vadgaon Maval, District Pune, in Special Case No.24 of 2022. The Respondent No.1 was acquitted from the

charges of commission of offences punishable under sections 302, 363, 376(2)(f), 366(A) and 201 of the IPC and under sections 3(a) and 4 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act.

3. Learned APP invited our attention to paragraph-2 of the application and submitted that, since some time was lost in forwarding the papers from the office of the Public Prosecutor at Pune to the Law and Judiciary Department, Mantralaya; there was a delay in filing the application for leave to file Appeal.

4. Considering these submissions and since the delay is of only 20 days, in the interest of justice, the application is allowed. The delay of 20 days in filing the application for leave to file Appeal is condoned.

5. The Application is disposed of.

(SANDESH D. PATIL, J.)

(SARANG V. KOTWAL, J.)