

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

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 492 OF 2026

James Leonard Watson

..Applicant

Versus

Union of India & Ors.

...Respondents

Mr. Zaman Ali, for the Applicant.

Mr. P S Gujar, for the Respondent No. 1 – UOI.

Mr. Sumit Chaudhary, i/b Mr. Kaushik Mhatre, Spl. PP – for
the Respondent – State.

Mr. P P Malshe, APP for the Respondent – State.

CORAM: N. J. JAMADAR, J.

DATE : 16th MARCH 2026

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Counsel for the parties.
2. Mr. Ali, the learned Counsel for the applicant seeks leave to tender the affidavit of service.
3. Leave granted.
4. Mr. Gujar, the learned Counsel for the Respondent No. 1 seeks time to take instructions as regards the representation for Respondent No. 2.
5. Since, the Respondent No. 2 is an instrumentality of the Union of India, the learned Counsel is requested to take instructions from Respondent No. 2 as well. Considering the exigency of the situation, stand over to 17th March, 2026 on supplementary board.

[N. J. JAMADAR, J.]