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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

INTERIM APPLICATION NO.578 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST.) NO.3500 OF 2026

Govind Bhikaji Jadhav	...Applicant
V/s.	
State of Maharashtra	..Respondent

Mr.Shakil Ahmed for the Applicant.

Mr.H.J. Dedhia, APP for the State - Respondent.

CORAM : R.M. JOSHI, J.
DATE : 7TH MARCH, 2026.

P.C. :-

1. This Application is for condonation of delay of 558 days in challenging the judgment and order of conviction dated 4th June, 2024 passed in Sessions Case No.85 of 2020, whereby the Applicant came to be convicted for the offence punishable under Section 307 of IPC and sentenced to suffer 10 years rigorous imprisonment.

2. Learned counsel for the Applicant submits that the Applicant is in jail from the date of his arrest i.e. on 31st March, 2020. According to him, even before the Trial Court, the Applicant had no money to engage his own lawyer and was represented by legal aid lawyer.

3. Learned APP opposes the application. Since the Applicant is in jail and his liberties are curtailed, it becomes by itself sufficient ground for condonation of delay. Hence the Application stands allowed. Appeal be registered.

(R.M. JOSHI, J.)