

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 989 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 1756 OF 2019

Chetan Popat Leve .. Applicant

Versus

The State of Maharashtra .. Respondent

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Mr. Nihal Mansuri i/by Mr. Vivek Arote, for the Applicant.

Mr. Tanveer G. Khan, APP, for the Respondent -State.

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CORAM: BHARATI DANGRE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.

DATED : 21st APRIL, 2026

P.C:-

1. The Interim Application is taken out for suspension of sentence and release of the accused on bail during the pendency of the Appeal filed by him, raising a challenge to the Judgment of conviction and imposition of sentence by the Additional Sessions Judge, Nashik, in Sessions Case No. 113 of 2019.

2. The Appeal is ready for hearing, and when we indicated to the learned counsel that the Appeal itself can be heard, he stated that he would obtain instructions.

We are surprised to note this approach, as when the Court indicated that the Appeal itself can be heard, the counsel

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is not ready to proceed.

3. Hence, while we dispose of the Interim Application, we direct the Appeal to be listed in the week commencing from **15.06.2026**, and the counsel for the Appellant shall be ready for final hearing of the Appeal.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(BHARATI DANGRE, J.)