



IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
NAGPUR BENCH, NAGPUR.

CRIMINAL APPLICATION (APPA) NO. 30 OF 2026
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST.) NO. 316 OF 2026

LAXMI W/O SANTOSH HANDE
VS
THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA AND ANR.

*Office Notes, Office Memoranda of Coram,
appearances, Court's orders of directions
and Registrar's orders.*

Court's or Judge's order

Ms. Sneha Dhote, APP for respondent/State.

CORAM : NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.
DATE : 30/01/2026

The Respondent no. 2 - victim is personally present before this Court and she requests to provide legal assistance. She suggests the name of Advocate Ms. Radha Mishra to represent on behalf of her in this matter. Accordingly, Advocate Ms. Radha Mishra is appointed to represent the cause of the Respondent no. 2 – Victim.

2. This is an application for condonation of 223 days delay in preferring the Appeal under Section 14-A of the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 (for short, 'SC & ST Act').

3. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

4. For the reasons stated in the application, the aforesaid delay is **condoned** and the application is **allowed**.

5. Office to register the Appeal.

6. Accordingly, the application stands **disposed of**.

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1. Issue notice to the Respondents.
2. Ms. Sneha Dhote, learned APP waives notice for Respondent no. 1/State.
3. Ms. Radha Mishra, learned Advocate waives notice for Respondent no. 2-Victim.
4. Stand over after two weeks.

(NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.)

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