

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST.) NO.20865 OF 2023

Hasan @ Aehchu Ayub Shaikh ... Appellant
Vs.
State of Maharashtra and another ... Respondents

WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4325 OF 2023
WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION NO.4327 OF 2023
IN
CRIMINAL APPEAL (ST.) NO.20865 OF 2023

Ms. Juhi Kadu i/b. Mr. Aniket Vagal for Appellant.

Dr. Dhanlakshmi S. Krishnaiyer, APP for Respondent No.1-State.

**CORAM : MANISH PITALE &
MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, JJ.**

DATE : DECEMBER 17, 2025

P.C. :

. On 01.12.2025, there was no appearance on behalf of the appellant and we had directed the appeal along with the interim applications to be listed on 12.01.2026.

2. Thereafter, a *praecipe* was moved and we granted listing of the appeal and pending applications today. The *praecipe* was moved by the advocate, now having instructions to appear on behalf of the appellant. It is stated that earlier, an advocate through Legal Aid was appearing but the appellant has now instructed the present advocate to appear on his behalf.

3. In view of the above, the advocate appointed through Legal Aid is discharged and Advocate Aniket Vagal is permitted to file *Vakalatnama*

on behalf of the appellant.

Interim Application No.4325 of 2023

Heard Advocate Juhi Kadu, holding for Advocate Aniket Vagal.

2. By this application, the applicant (original appellant) is seeking condonation of delay of 1874 days in filing the appeal. It is stated that the applicant has remained behind bars and initially, he had to seek legal aid for instituting the present proceedings.

3. Considering the reasons stated in the application, we are inclined to allow the same. Accordingly, the application is allowed and delay is condoned.

4. Interim application is disposed of.

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. Heard learned counsel for the appellant.

2. Admit.

3. Call for record and proceedings.

Interim Application No.4327 of 2023

. Heard Ms. Kadu, learned counsel appearing for the applicant (appellant).

2. Since this case involves offence under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 also, issue notice to respondent No.2, returnable on 14.01.2026.

3. Respondent No.2 shall be served through the concerned police station and a report shall be submitted before the next date of listing.
4. The learned APP has appeared on behalf of the respondent-State.

(MANJUSHA DESHPANDE, J.)

(MANISH PITALE, J.)

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