

**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Crml Leave To Appeal No. 18/2025

State Of Rajasthan, Through Pp

----Appellant

Versus

Mandeep Singh @ Deepu S/o Magar Singh, Aged About 36 Years,
R/o Manjhi, Police Station Bhawani Mandi, District Sangrur
Punjab

----Respondent

For Appellant(s)	:	Mr. NS Chandawat, PP
For Respondent(s)	:	-

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE FARJAND ALI

Order

25/02/2026

1. There is a delay of 173 days in filing of the instant criminal leave to appeal.
2. The matter comes upon an application under Section 5 of the Limitation Act.
3. It is stated that after the impugned judgment was pronounced, the matter underwent administrative processing at different levels of the State machinery for obtaining the necessary opinion, approvals and sanction from the competent authorities before filing the present leave to appeal. The record was examined and processed in the ordinary course through the concerned departments and thereafter transmitted to the office of the Government Counsel for preparation and filing of the appeal. Owing to the time consumed in such procedural and administrative

formalities, the present leave to appeal could not be filed within the prescribed period of limitation. The delay is stated to be neither intentional nor deliberate but occasioned due to official procedural requirements.

4. Having considered the explanation furnished and the material placed on record, this Court is satisfied that sufficient cause has been shown for condonation of delay.
5. The delay is condoned.
6. The instant leave to appeal be treated within limitation.
7. In a prosecution launched against the respondents, the learned trial court after full-fledged trial acquitted the respondents.
8. Upon perusal of the judgment impugned, there appears reasonable grounds to permit the State to prefer an appeal against the acquittal of the accused-respondents from the penal provisions of the NDPS Act.
9. Accordingly, the instant application seeking leave to appeal is allowed. The memo of leave to appeal application shall be treated and registered as an appeal.
10. Office to proceed.

(FARJAND ALI),J