IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIRCUIT BENCH AT KOLHAPUR
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRI-INTERIM APPLICATION NO. 2461 OF 2025
IN

CR. APPEAL (ST) NO. 13690 OF 2025

Gajanan Anantha Khaire ... Applicant
V/s.
State Of Maharashtra And Anr ... Respondents

Mr. Shashikant D. Chandak, Advocate for Applicant.
Mr. Shrikant H. Yadav, APP for the Respondents-State.

CORAM : NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.

DATED : OCTOBER 19 2026

P.C.:

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1. This is an application for condonation of 21 days' delay in filing the appeal against conviction.

2. The order dated 17 July 2025 shows that this Court had issued notice in the matter.

3. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant, the learned APP for the Respondents–State and Learned Counsel for Respondent No-2-victim.

4. After hearing both the sides and for the reasons mentioned in the Application, the Application is allowed in terms of prayer clause (a).

5. The Application stands disposed of accordingly.

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6. Issue notice to the respondents,

7. Learned APP appears for respondent No. 1/State.

8. Learned APP for the State submits that the victim's mother, who was also the informant, is no more. He submits that counsel from legal aid be appointed.

9. In view of the above, Mr. Rahul Pralhad Kasabekar, Advocate, empanelled on the panel of Legal Aid Counsel, is appointed through the Legal Aid Services Authority, Sub-Committee, Circuit Bench at Kolhapur, to represent Respondent No. 2/victim.

10. The office shall provide the copies of relevant papers to learned counsel for respondent No. 2.

(NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J.)

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