

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 251 OF 2019

IN

APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL (PVT.) (ST) NO. 65 OF 2019

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United Phosphorus Limited

...Applicant

Versus

Ramoji Rao And Ors.

...Respondents

Ms. Keral Mehta a/w Ms. Sharda Pandey with Prashant Nakati for the Applicant.

Ms. Sharmila Kaushik, APP for Respondent/State.

Ms. Vidya Amlani for Respondent No.4.

CORAM : M.M. SATHAYE, J.

DATE : 21st AUGUST, 2026

P.C. :

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1. Heard learned Counsel for the parties. Learned Counsel for the Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 submits that due to some technical issue, her vakalatnama filed for Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 is not reflecting in the record.

2. This is an application for condonation of delay of 90 days in filing leave application challenging an order of acquittal. The Applicant is original complainant.

3. Learned Counsel for the Respondents relying on the reply contending that the delay is not properly explained.

4. Considering the extent of delay and explanation offered in paragraph 11 of the application, sufficient cause is made out. Application is allowed. Delay is condoned.

5. Criminal Application is disposed of in above terms.

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6. Learned Counsel for the Appellant submits that Judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Celestium Financial v/s. A. Gnanasekaran Etc. 2025 SCC OnLine SC 1320**, would cover the present Appellant also as it is complainant / victim in Complaint under Section 499, 500, 501, 502 read with Section 34 of IPC.
7. Learned Counsel for the Respondents seeks time to respond.
8. Stand over to 04.09.2026 for further consideration.

(M.M. SATHAYE, J.)