



HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

Order Sheet

CRA No. 1117 of 2021Goverdhan Singh Gond **Versus** State Of Chhattisgarh

01/10/2021	Mr. Pradeep Kumar Jogi, counsel for the appellant/s. Mr. Ashutosh Mishra, P.L. for the State. Heard on application (I.A. No.01/2021) for condonation of delay in filing appeal. The appeal is barred by 879 days. The reason assigned by the appellant who is in jail is that he is a poor person and time was consumed in engaging a counsel and thereafter the appeal has been filed. The situation arising on account of pandemic has also been taken as one of the grounds to seek condonation of delay. Though the appeal is barred by 879 days, we find that the appellant is in jail and he has suffered life imprisonment. Taking into consideration this extraordinary situation, we are inclined to grant an opportunity to the appellant to contest the appeal on merits rather than suffering life imprisonment without exercising the only right of appeal provided to him under the law. In view of aforesaid paramount consideration, we are inclined to condone the delay in filing appeal. The application (I.A.01/2021) is allowed. Delay is accordingly condoned. The appeal is admitted for hearing. Call for records.
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Learned State counsel takes notice and may file objection/reply on application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail within three weeks.

The Registry to prepare paper book as per rules, upon receipt of records.

List this case for consideration of application for suspension of sentence and grant of bail after four weeks.

Sd/-

**(Manindra Mohan Shrivastava)
Judge**

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**(Vimla Singh Kapoor)
Judge**