



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
BENCH AT AURANGABAD**

**CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 31 OF 2022**

Rameshwar Bhagwan Sonawane

..APPELLANT

VERSUS

State of Maharashtra

..RESPONDENT

....  
Mr. S.G. Bobde, Advocate for appellant

Mr. S.D. Ghayal, A.P.P. for respondent - State

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**CORAM : R.G. AVACHAT AND  
NEERAJ P. DHOTE, JJ**

**DATE : 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**OPERATIVE ORDER :**

For the reasons recorded separately, following order is passed :-

**ORDER**

- (I) Criminal appeal is allowed.
- (II) Impugned judgment and order dated 05<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 passed by the Court of Additional Sessions Judge, Aurangabad in Sessions Case No. 148 of 2015 thereby convicting the appellant for the offence punishable under Section 302 of the Indian Penal Code, is hereby set aside. He stands acquitted thereof.
- (III) The appellant be released forthwith, if not required in any other case.
- (IV) Fine amount paid, if any, be refunded to him.

**( NEERAJ P. DHOTE, J. )**

**( R.G. AVACHAT, J. )**

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