

In the matter of:- Reba Kar Chowdhury

...petitioner

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty,
Mr. Shasanka Sekhar Saha.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Prasun Datta,
Mr. Santanu Deb Roy.
...for the State.

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Sections 302 and 498A of the Penal Code.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Prasun Datta and Mr. Santanu Deb Roy, learned Counsels who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State and are present in Court today. Their engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is the mother of the victim and the de facto complainant in this case. Although the First Information Report was lodged in 2012 and the charge sheet was submitted in 2013, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. The charges were framed in 2014. Yet, as on date out of 14 witnesses, only two witnesses have been examined. The accused have been praying for adjournments on some pretext or the other. The proceeding has remained pending for no fault on the part of the present petitioner.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that in view of the delay in concluding the trial, an order may be passed directing expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

I have heard the submissions of the learned Advocates appearing

on behalf of the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

No prejudice will be caused to anyone if a direction is passed for an expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

It appears that there is an inordinate delay in concluding the trial.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned Trial Court is requested to conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of one year from the next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order may be supplied to the parties expeditiously, if applied for.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)