

**CRM 8947 of 2020
(via Video Conference)**

In re : An application for bail under Section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure in connection with Jagaddal P.S. Case No. 798 of 2018 dated 13.07.2018 under Section 20(b)(i) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

In the matter of : **Sonu Singh**

..... petitioner

Mr. Koustav Bagchi

....For the petitioner

**Mr. Bidyut Kumar Roy
Ms. Rita Dutta**

.....For the State

The primary ground urged by the petitioner is the delay in the completion of the trial.

In view of the pandemic, notwithstanding a previous direction of this Court for the expeditious completion of the trial, it is understandable that the trial has remained suspended for the last eight months or so.

However, since only the inspector-in-charge of the concerned police station has to be examined, let the evidence be concluded within three months of normal functioning of Court resuming after the lockdown is lifted.

The prayer for bail is rejected at this stage and CRM 8947 of 2020 is disposed of.

(Arijit Banerjee, J.)

(Sanjib Banerjee, J.)