

In the matter of:- Manjur Ali Gazi

...petitioner

Mr. Shekhar Barman

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Prasun Kumar Datta,
Md. Kutubuddin.

...for the State.

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 21(C) of the Narcotic Drugs Psychotropic Substance Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Prasun Kumar Datta and Md. Kutubuddin, 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 in custody in connection with the present case since his date of arrest in December, 2019. Although a charge sheet and a supplementary charge sheet containing a chemical report were submitted in 2020, till date, even charges could not be framed. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the part of the present petitioner. 8th April, 2019 has been fixed for framing of charge.

I have heard the submissions of the learned Counsels appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that some delay has been occasioned in concluding the impugned proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since December, 2019.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, I request the learned Trial Court to conclude the proceeding as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, and in particular, to decide the question of framing of charge on the next date fixed for hearing or within a week from then and thereafter proceeded with the matter expeditiously.

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.)