

C.R.R. 298 of 2021

In the matter of:- **Sunil Sha**

Mr. Subhajit Chowdhury
...for the petitioner
Mr. Imran Ali
Mr. M.F.A. Begg
...for the State

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Section 20 (b) (i) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of the application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Mr. M.F.A. Begg, learned advocates, who are present in court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Their engagement may be regularised in due course by the competent authority of the State.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is in custody since his date of arrest i.e., 06.02.2018. Although the charges were framed on 21.01.2019, till date not a single witness has been examined. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner. In this case, there are six prosecution witnesses.

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 a considerable delay has been

occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 2018.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, I request the learned trial Court to conclude the trial 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 copies of this order may be delivered to the learned Advocates for the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)