

Form No. J(2)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Criminal Appellate Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Present:
The Hon'ble Justice Jay Sengupta

CRR 322 of 2021

RANJIT SINGH@ KELO
VS
STATE OF WEST BENGAL

For the Petitioner : Mr. S. G. Chowdhury
For the State : Mr. Anwar Hossain
Heard on: : 8th February 2021
Judgment on : : 8th February 2021

The Court:

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which charge sheet was submitted under section 20 (b)(ii)(c) of the NDPS Act.

On the prayer of the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, leave is granted to correct the cause title.

Mr. Anwar Hossain learned counsel who ordinarily appears on behalf of the State is requested to appear in this matter. His engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course. A copy of the application be served upon him in course of the day.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. Although the petitioner is in

custody since his date of arrest i.e., 18.08.2019, till date the proceeding has not been concluded. Although the charges were framed, not a single witness has been examined as yet out of thirteen prosecution witnesses as mentioned in the charge sheet. On a number of occasions the petitioner was not produced from custody. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault on the part of the petitioner.

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

No prejudice would be caused to any one if a direction is passed for an expeditious disposal of the case.

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