

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

CRIMINAL REVISIONAL JURISDICTION

Before:

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAY SENGUPTA

C.R.R. 498 OF 2021

ALAMGIR MOLLA

VS.

THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL

For the Petitioners: Ms. Sonali Das

For the State : Mr. Imran Ali
Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg

Heard on: 12.03.2021

Judgment delivered on: 12.03.2021

JAY SENGUPTA, J:

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Sections 21(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act, 1985.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

Mr. Imran Ali and Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg learned advocates who are present in Court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State are requested to represent the State in this case. A copy of the petition is served upon them in Court. 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 accused in this case. He is in custody since his date of arrest i.e., 30.11.2019. In spite of the fact that the FIR was lodged in November, 2019, till date the proceedings could not be concluded. 06.04.2021 has been fixed as the date for framing of charge before the learned trial court. There are eleven witnesses mentioned in the charge-sheet.

Learned counsel appearing for the State submits that the proceeding ought to be expedited in the interest of justice.

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

It appears that some delay was occasioned in concluding the proceedings, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are in custody since 30.11.2019.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned trial court is requested to conclude the trial 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 at the earliest, preferably on the next date fixed or within a fortnight therefrom.

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.)