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C.R.R. 596 of 2021

02.03.
2021

In the matter of:- **Sri Depak Kumar Mehrotra**

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee
...for the petitioner

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is the complainant in this case. Although the petitioner had instituted the instant proceeding as far back as in 2016, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. The accused has always tried to evade the due process of law. At least on two occasions, the accused jumped bail and accordingly, warrant of arrest had to be issued and he would come back and obtain bail thereafter. Earlier, a direction passed by this Court on 26.11.2018 in CRR No. 4250 of 2017 to expedite the trial. Even then, the proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner.

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

No prejudice will be caused to anyone if a direction is passed to expedite the proceeding.

It appears that some delay has been occasioned in concluding the impugned proceeding.

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 adjournments to any of the parties and by taking appropriate measures to ensure the attendance of the accused, preferably within a period of six months 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.)