

In the matter of:- Mahamadul Hassan

...petitioner

Ms. Minoti Gomes,
Mr. J. I. Hossain.

...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bidyut Roy,
Ms. Debjani Sahu.

...for the State.

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Sections 20 and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Bidyut Roy and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned Counsels who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State and who 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 an accused in this case. He is in custody since the date of his arrest i.e. 06.01.2019. There are about eleven prosecution witnesses in this case as mentioned in the charge sheet. Although the FIR was registered in January, 2019 and charges were framed on 09.08.2019, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. The matter has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that in the interest of justice, the impugned proceeding ought to be expedited.

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 was occasioned in concluding the

proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 06.01.2019.

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.)