

In the matter of:- Md. Sarukh

...petitioner

Mr. Rohit Kumar Shaw
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Prasun Kumar Datta,
Mr. Pratick Bose.
...for the State.

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 21(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Prasun Kumar Datta and Mr. Pratick Bose, learned Counsels who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State and 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 a graduate and is preparing for examinations for obtaining government jobs. Although the First Information Report was lodged in March, 2020 and a charge sheet was submitted on 16.08.2020, till date the proceeding has not been concluded. Long dates are being fixed. The petitioner is languishing in custody since the date of his arrest i.e. since 04.03.2020. There are about seven witnesses mentioned in the charge sheet. There are no independent or non-official witnesses and there will not be a difficulty at all to complete the trial within a short time. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the part of the present petitioner.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that it would be in the interest of justice if the impugned proceeding is 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 impugned proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 04.03.2020.

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 eight months 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.)