

In the matter of:- Prosenjit Barui @ Ghana & Anr.

...petitioners

Mr. Sudip ghosh Chowdhury,
Mr. A. Das,
Mr. Abhishek Bose.
...for the petitioners.

Mr. Arijit Ganguly,
Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg.
...for the State.

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 20(b)(ii) (c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Arijit Ganguly and Mr. Mirza Firoj Ahmed Begg, 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 petitioners submits as follows. The petitioners are the accused in this case. The petitioners are in custody since the date of their arrest i.e. 30.09.2019. Although the FIR was lodged in September, 2019, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. Charges have been framed in this case. There are nine witnesses in this case as mentioned in the charge sheet. The matter has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioners.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that in the interest of justice, the impugned proceeding should 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 petitioners are in custody since 30.09.2019.

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.)