

C.R.R. 772 of 2021

In the matter of:- **Surojit Roy @ Buro**

Ms. Sreyashee Biswas
Mr. Benajir Hasna
...for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Manisha Sharma
...for the State

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 Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Manisha Sharma, learned advocates, who are present in court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Their engagement may be regularised in due course by the competent authority of the State.

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 arrest i.e. 16.09.2017. Although the First Information Report was lodged on 13.09.2017 and a charge sheet was submitted on 31.01.2018, till date, the proceeding could not be concluded. This was despite an earlier direction passed by this Court. Although evidence of the prosecution has been closed and a date has been fixed for examination of the

accused under Section 313 of the Code on 09.04.2021, the proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner. In the interest of justice, the impugned proceeding ought to be expedited.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that it will be in the interest of justice if a direction is passed to expedite the proceeding.

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

Although the proceeding has near its end, yet it is also a fact that the petitioner is in languishing in custody since 16.09.2017.

In view of the same 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 four 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.)