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Ct. No.32

CRR 828 of 2021

In the matter of : Sri Suresh Singh

Mr. Tapas Kumar Sinha ... for the Petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Mr. 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 419, 468 and 471 of the Penal Code.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned counsels who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. They are requested to appear in this matter. 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. The petitioner has been suspended from his service as a result of the proceeding. Although the F.I.R was lodged on 01.05.2007, the proceeding could not be concluded till date. After much delay, the Investigating Officer submitted the charge sheet finally in 2014. Despite a direction for expeditious disposal of the case passed by this Court on 18.05.2016 in C.R.R. 1649 of 2016, the proceeding has remained pending. Out of ten witnesses only PW 1 could be examined, that too in part. The proceeding has remained pending for no fault on the part of the present petitioner.

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

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

No prejudice would be caused to any one if a direction is passed for an expeditious disposal of the case.

It appears that an inordinate delay was occasioned in concluding the proceeding.

It is unfortunate that the proceeding remained pending despite an earlier direction passed by this Court in 2016 for an expeditious disposal of the 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 adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of ten months from the next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revision petition is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copy of this order, if applied for, is to be given to the parties upon usual undertakings.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)