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C.R.R. 2288 of 2021

(via video conference)

In the matter of:- **Sourav Santra**

Mr. Sadhan Kumar Halder

Mr. D. Pattanayak

...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 406, 498A and 506 of the Indian Penal Code and Section 4 of the Dowry Prohibition 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 a doctor by profession. Unfortunately his wife started a case against him in 2018 alleging commission of offences. Although the charge-sheet was submitted in 2020, till

date, the proceeding could not be concluded. On 06.08.2021, the next date was fixed for charge as 30.06.2021.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that, as would appear from the order-sheet, the learned trial Court cannot be faulted for the delay caused, if any.

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 initially the learned trial Court had fixed reasonably short dates for the hearing of the case. But, on 06.08.2021, surprisingly, the next date was fixed as 30.06.2022.

Although it does not appear that inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the impugned proceeding, yet fixing a date after nearly ten months cannot be encouraged.

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 and more particularly, to propone the next date of hearing to any date in the month of February, 2022 and to proceed to decide the question of framing of charge at the earliest, preferably within three months from the next date so

fixed.

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.)