

In the matter of : Smt. Sunita Sharma

Mr. Somnath Banerjee
Mr. Kalyan Ghosh ... for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Manasi Ray for the State

This is an application praying for expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under sections 498A and 506 read with Section 34 of Penal Code and Sections 3 and 4 of the Dowry Prohibition Act.

Affidavit of service filed on behalf of the petitioner is taken on record.

It appears that the private opposite parties refused to accept the copy served on behalf of the State.

Despite service, no one appear on behalf of the State.

A copy of the application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Manasi Ray, learned Advocates 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 the de-facto complainant and victim in this case. Although the proceeding was initiated by the petitioner in May 2017 and the charge sheet was submitted in July 2017, the proceeding has not been concluded yet. On several occasions the

accused prayed for adjournments. The matter has remained pending for no fault on 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 an order is passed directing an expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

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

No prejudice will be caused to anyone if a direction is passed to expedite the proceeding.

It appears that some delay has been caused in conducting the impugned 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 of any of the parties.

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.)

