

C.R.R. 2324 of 2021

(via video conference)

In the matter of:- **Rajjak Gazi**

Ms. Malashree Ghosh

...for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali

Ms. Manasi Roy

...for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Section 21 (c) of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Manasi Roy, 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 was arrested on 05.11.2019 the date on which the FIR was lodged. A charge-sheet was submitted in 2019. In spite of the fact that the charges were framed in 2021, till date, the proceeding could not be concluded. Long dates are being fixed. Out of 7 charge-sheeted witnesses, only two have been examined.

The matter has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioner.

Learned counsel for the State submits that the State would not come in the way 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.

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is languishing in custody since the date of arrest.

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 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.)