

In the matter of:- Nurjahan Bibi @ Lalia

...petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh Chowdhury.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Imran Ali,
Mr. Nirupam Dhali.
....for the State.

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 20(b)(ii) (c) of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned Counsels who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Let them represent the State. Their engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. She is in custody since 26.04.2018, the date on which the FIR was lodged. Although the First Information Report was lodged in 2018 and charge sheet also submitted in November, 2018, the proceeding could not be concluded in spite of fixing several dates. Not even a single witness out of 12 prosecution witnesses could be examined. 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 the State would not come in the way if a direction for expeditious disposal is passed in this case.

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

It appears that an inordinate delay has been caused in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since April, 2018.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within eight months from the next date of hearing.

With the above 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.)