

In the matter of:- Kuldeep Singh

...petitioner

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

Mr. Imran Ali,
Md. Kutubuddin.
....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 Md. Kutubuddin, 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 petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 08.07.2018, the date on which the FIR was registered. Although charge sheet submitted on 02.01.2019, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. None of the witnesses could be examined till date. In all, there are 15 witnesses mentioned in the charge sheet. The present 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 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 petitioner 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 July, 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 ten 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.)