

C.R.R. 2391 of 2021

In the matter of:- **Poltu Sardar & anr.**

Mr. Navanil De
Ms. Ayantika Roy
Mr. Subhrajit Dey

....for the petitioners
Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Manasi Roy
...for the State

This is an application seeking expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge-sheet was submitted under Sections 21 (c) and 29 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 petitioners submits as follows. The petitioners are the accused in this case. They are in custody since 05.01.2020, the date on which the FIR was lodged. Although the charge-sheet was submitted in February 2020 and the supplementary charge-sheet was also submitted in January 2021, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. There are eight witnesses named in the charge-sheet. Charges were framed in August, 2021 and

till date, only two witnesses have been examined in part. The proceeding has remained pending for no fault of the present petitioners.

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 petitioners and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that some delay has been occasioned in concluding the proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are in custody since 05.01.2020.

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.)