

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty,
Mr. S. S. Saha.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Debabrata Chatterjee,
Ms. Manisha Sharma.
....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. Debabrata Chatterjee and Ms. Manisha Sharma, 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 was in custody since 01.06.2020 the date on which the FIR was registered. Although charges were framed on 20.11.2021, till date not a single witness could be examined. The charge sheet submitted citing ten prosecution witnesses. The next date is fixed on 17.03.2022. Long dates are being fixed. 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 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 some delay has been occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 01.06.2020. It also appears that long dates are being fixed.

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 a period of 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.)