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CRR 2452 of 2021

In the matter of:- Manoranjan Sarkar & Anr.

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty

Mr. S. S. Saha

.....for the petitioners

Mr. Bidyut Kr. Ray

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 20(b)(c) of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Bidyut Kr. Ray and Ms. Manisha Sharma, learned counsels, 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 were arrested on 28.12.2019, the date on which the FIR was registered. A charge-sheet was submitted thereafter citing ten prosecution witnesses. Although the charges were framed on 20.11.2021, till date not a single witness could be examined. Long dates have been fixed. The next date for evidence has been fixed on 15.03.2022. The trial 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 trial.

I have heard 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 occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are in custody since 28.12.2019.

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 copy of this order may be supplied to the parties expeditiously, if applied for.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)