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C.R.R. 19 of 2022

In the matter of:- **Sarjit Mondal @ Sarojit**

(via video conference)

Mr. Jisan Iqubal Hossain
...for the petitioner
Mr. Imran Ali
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 Sections 21 (c) and 29 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Manisha Sharma, 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 for the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 07.12.2017 the date on which the FIR was registered. Although the charge-sheet was submitted on 19.03.2018 and charges were framed on 27.03.2019, till date, the proceeding could not be

concluded. Out of 12 witnesses, only two have been examined. The matter 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 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 an inordinate delay has been occasioned in this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is languishing in jail since 07.12.2017.

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 eight months from the resumption of normal functioning of the Court.

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.)