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(Via Video Conference)

CRR 31 of 2022

In the matter of:- Md. Soriful Islam @ Sofi & Ors.

Mr. Jisan Iqbal Hossain
.....for the petitioners

Mr. S.S. Imam
Ms. Manisha Sharma
.....for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which charge-sheet was submitted under Section 20 and 29 of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. S. S. Imam 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 25.11.2019, the date on which the FIR was registered and till date they are languishing in custody. Charge-sheet was submitted citing 12 prosecution witnesses. Charges were framed on 19.08.2020. Yet, till date the proceeding could not be concluded. Only 2 witnesses could be examined. 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 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 25.11.2019.

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 eight months from resumption of normal functioning of the court.

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.)