

(Via Video Conference)

CRR 95 of 2022

In the matter of:- Monirul Sardar @ Moni

Ms. Malayshree Ghosh
.....for the petitioner

Mr. S.G. Mukherjee, Ld. P.P.
Mr. Imran Ali,
Mrs. Debjani Sahu
.....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. Imran Ali and Mrs. Debjani Sahu, 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 petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 25.06.2018, the date on which the FIR was registered. A Charge sheet was submitted in August, 2018 and supplementary charge sheet was also submitted in December, 2018. The prosecution proposes to be examined nine witnesses in this case. On 20.08.2019 charges were framed. Several dates were fixed for evidence. Yet, till date not a single witness could be examined. The proceeding 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 petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 25.06.2018.

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

(Jay Sengupta, J.)