

Form No. J(2)

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
Criminal Revisional Jurisdiction
Appellate Side

Present:
The Hon'ble Justice Jay Sengupta

CRR 130 of 2022

Bablu Gazi @ Kabirul
Vs.
The State of West Bengal
(via video conference)

For the Petitioner : Mr. Debasish Kar
For the State : Ms. Ayantika Roy
Heard on : 18th January 2022
Judgment on : 18th January 2022

The Court:

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under section 21 (c) of the N.D.P.S. Act.

Ms. Ayantika Roy, learned counsel, who ordinarily appears on behalf of the State is requested to appear in this matter. Her engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course. The petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the revisional application upon her.

Mr. Kar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 25.10.2019, the date on which the F.I.R. was registered. Earlier on 24.02.2021 a direction was

passed by this Court in C.R.R.458 of 2021 to expeditiously dispose of the proceeding. On 01.09.2021 the charge was framed. Although eight witnesses were proposed to be examined, till date not a single witness could be examined. The impugned proceeding has remained pending for no fault on the part of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that State would not come in the way if a direction is passed for an expeditious disposal of the proceeding.

I have heard the submissions of the learned counsels for the appearing for the petitioner and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that some delay has been occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is languishing in custody since 25.10.2019.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned Trial Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within 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, if applied for, be given to the parties, upon completion of requisite formalities.

(JAY SENGUPTA,J)