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**CRR 229 of 2022
(Via Video Conference)**

In the matter of: An application under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

In re: Imran Hossain alias Riton
Vs.
The State of West Bengal

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty

... For the petitioner

Mr. Sudip Ghosh
Mr. Apurba Kumar Datta
Mr. Bitasok Banerjee

... For the State

This is an application seeking 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, 1985.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 21.07.2020, the date on which the First Information Report was lodged. A charge sheet was submitted in September, 2020. Nine witnesses were proposed to be examined by the prosecution. On 9.12.2021 charges were framed. Yet, till date, not a single witness could be examined. Long dates are being fixed. The proceedings are pending for no fault of the present petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that the State would not come stand in the way if a direction is passed to expedite the case.

I have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner and the State and have perused the revisional petition.

It appears that some delay has been occasioned in concluding the proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 21.07.2020.

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

With the above 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.)