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CRR 271 of 2022

Ct. No. 39

In the matter of:- Anil Mistry

...petitioner

Mr. Soujanya Bandyopadhyay.
...for the petitioner.

Mr. Bitasok Banerjee.
....for the State.

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under Section 20(b)(ii) of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Bitasok Banerjee, learned Counsel who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Let him represent the State. His engagement may be regularised by the competent authority of the State in due course.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits as follows. The petitioner is an accused in this case. He is in custody since 09.01.2020, the date on which the FIR was registered. A charge sheet was submitted in this case. In all, six witnesses are proposed to be examined effectively. On 15.09.2021, charges were framed. However, till date, not a single witness has been examined in this case. Long dates are being fixed. The matter has remained pending for no fault on the part of the present petitioner.

Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of 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 some delay has been occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 09.01.2020.

In view of the above and in the interest of justice, the learned Court is requested to conclude the trial as expeditiously as possible without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties, preferably within a period of eight months from the next date of hearing.

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.)