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SB
Ct. No. 39

CRR 297 of 2022

In Re : Partha Das alias Raja

Mr. Angshuman Chakraborty
Mr. Shashanka Shekhar Saha ... for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. Manisha Sharma for the State

This is an application seeking an expeditious disposal of a proceeding in which a charge sheet was submitted under sections 21 (c) and 29 of the N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of this revisional application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali with Ms. Manisha Sharma, learned counsels, who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. They are requested to appear in this matter. Their 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 the accused in this case. He is in custody since 30.03.2019. The F.I.R. was lodged on the same day. A charge-Sheet was submitted in 2019. A supplementary Charge sheet was submitted in 2021. Ten witnesses were proposed to be examined. On 25.08.2021 charges were framed. Yet, 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 petitioners and the State and have perused the revision petition.

It appears that an inordinate delay has been occasioned in concluding the trial, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are languishing in custody since 30.03.2019.

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 one year from the next date of hearing.

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.)