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CRR 380 of 2022

In the matter of:- Sankar Baidya

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

Mr. S. G. Mukherjee, Ld. P.P.
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 Sections 21(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mrs. Debjani Sahu, learned counsel, who is present in court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Her 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 29.05.2019, the date on which the FIR was lodged. Subsequently, charge sheet was submitted. The prosecution proposes to examine eleven witnesses. On 09.08.2021, a charge was framed. Yet, till date only two out of a total of eleven witness could be examined. The matter 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 this case, especially considering the fact that the petitioner is in custody since 29.05.2019.

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 one year from the next date of hearing.

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.)