

Court No.
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Item 8
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C.R.R. 621 of 2022

In the matter of:- **Rajib Hossain.**

(via video conference)

Mr. Shibaji Kumar Das
Ms. Rupsa Sreemani
...for the petitioner

Mr. Imran Ali
Ms. 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 N.D.P.S. Act.

Let a copy of this application be served upon Mr. Imran Ali and Ms. Debjani Sahu, learned advocates, who are present in Court today and who ordinarily appear on behalf of the State. Their 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 the accused in this case. Although the First Information Report was lodged on 05.07.2020, the petitioner was arrested on 07.07.2020. A charge-sheet was submitted

in 2020. A supplementary charge-sheet was submitted in May, 2021. The prosecution intends to examine 21 witnesses in this case out of whom most are police witnesses. Charges were framed on 29.01.2022. Yet, till date not a single witness could be examined. The proceeding 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 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 proceeding, especially considering the fact that the petitioners are in custody since 07.07.2020.

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 a period of one year from the next date of hearing.

With these observations, the revisional application is disposed of.

Urgent photostat certified copies of this order may be delivered to the learned Advocates for the parties, if applied for, upon compliance of all formalities.

(Jay Sengupta, J.)